

JESUS BEFORE PILATE MARK 15:1-15

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

The very air that Pilate breathes, the voice
With which he speaks in judgment, all his powers
Of perception and discrimination, choice,
Decision, all his years, his days and hours,
His consciousness of self, his every sense,
Are given by this prisoner, freely given.
The man who stands there making no defence,
Is God. His hands are tied, His heart is open.
And he bears Pilate's heart in his and feels
That crushing weight of wasted life. He lifts
It up in silent love. He lifts and heals.
He gives himself again with all his gifts
Into our hands. As Pilate turns away
A door swings open. This is judgment day.





In Matthew 27:19 we read:

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

Take some time to read the passage slowly two or three times.

What do you notice about Pilate's wife and her role? How might she have been feeling?

Now close your eyes and imagine yourself in the home of Pilate and his wife.

Slowly let the full scene in Mark 15 unfold.

What do you notice?

What do you see?

What do you hear?

What can you taste?

What can you smell?

What emotions do you notice?

How do you respond to the words of Jesus?

What do you say to Him?

Let those words become your prayer.