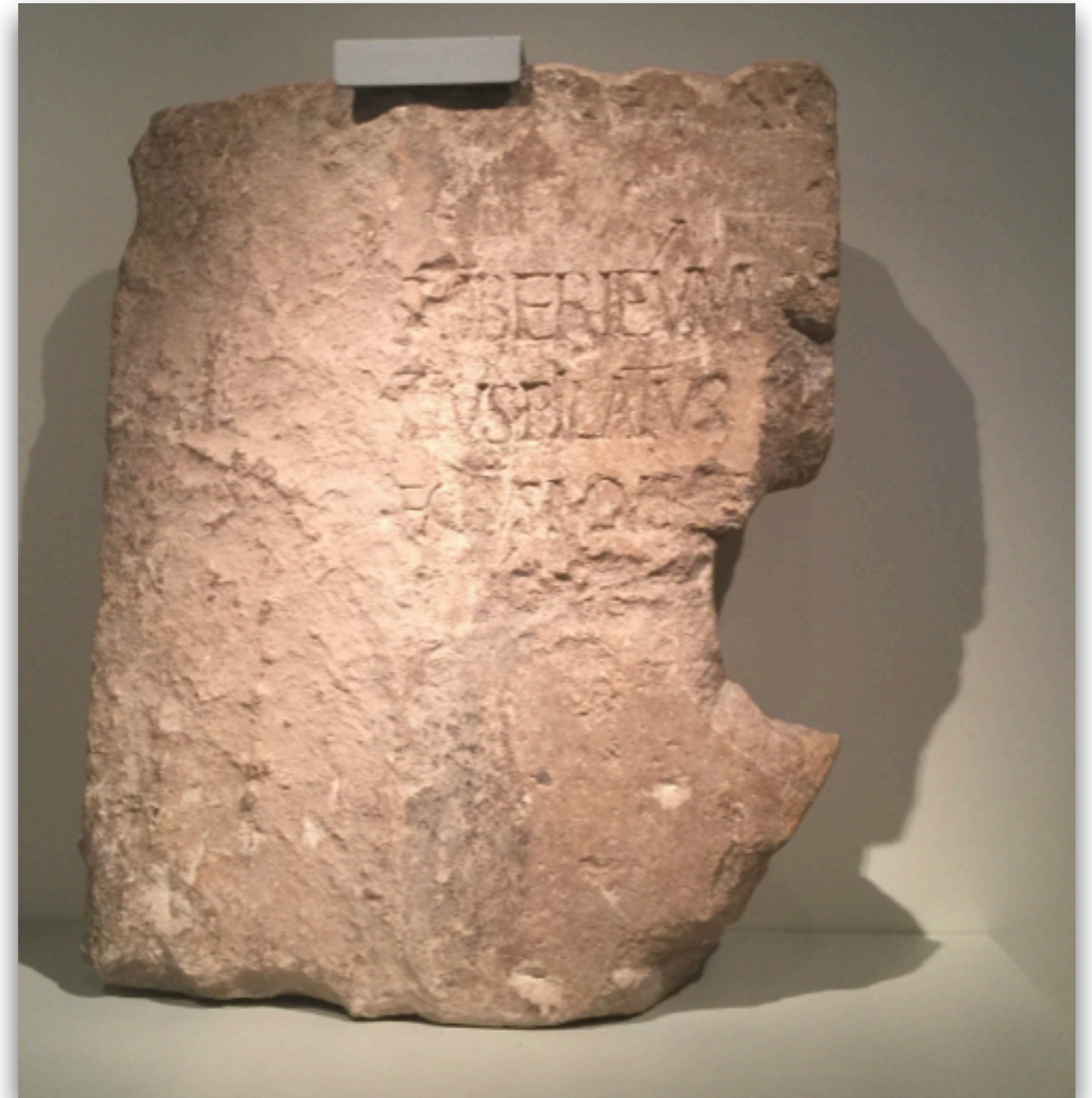


Pontus Pilate

- You might like to read Matthew 27 or listen to it [here](#).
- Pontus means 'fifth' or maybe 'sea' .
- Pilate was the fifth governor of Judea and served under Tiberius.
- Jesus was tried by Pilate.
- 'What is truth?' retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him." John 18:38
- Pilate ...took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!" Matthew 27:24
- The Pilate Stone - mentioning Pontus Pilate was discovered in Caesarea Maritima in 1961. It is now in the Israel Museum



The Pilate Stone



# REFLECT

- You might like to read the passage once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for what God has to teach you through Pilate's story.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.





# RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with what you have read about Pilate.
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach.
- Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life. You might like to ponder on what Jesus means by truth.
- You might like to consider what it means to wash your hands of things or to be a passive bystander to something you know is wrong.
- You might like to investigate an active bystander training programme.



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PILATE

Water.  
It washes.  
It cleanses.  
Not this time.  
Not even all the sea.  
Here's yet a spot.  
Here's yet the small of blood still.  
Hell is murky.  
Oh for a fullers soap.  
That I might be  
Purified

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