

# WWIDWJ?

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The title of our lesson is WWIDWJ? I can tell by the looks on your faces you are not familiar with WWIDWJ? Well, let's see if you know this one....

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WWJD? does anyone know what that stands for? What Would Jesus Do? It was a very popular saying a few years ago. People wore it on shirts and wrist bands. Now, WWIDWJ? may not become quite as popular or familiar but it is just as important. So what does WWIDWJ stand for....

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WWIDWJ = What Will I Do With Jesus? At times it can be beneficial to ask ourselves, "What Would Jesus Do?" in a particular situation, but it is an entirely different matter to ask ourselves, "What Will I Do With Jesus?" We see people who were asking this very question at the time of our Lord's crucifixion...

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Before Jesus was crucified, Pilate asked one of the most important questions in the Bible, "What shall I do with Jesus?" and people have been asking the very same question since!

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Just hours before Jesus was crucified, Pilate gave the people a choice concerning Jesus when in said, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" To get the complete story let's read Matthew 22:11-22....

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Here we see that the people had to make a choice concerning Jesus. They could release Barabbas, who was a notorious criminal, a murderer someone we might call a terrorist today. Or they could release Jesus who had done nothing wrong. They chose to release Barabbas! Now, Pilate asks the question, “What then shall I do with Jesus...?” What was their decision concerning Jesus? Notice the last part of verse 22....

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The people had a choice.....and they chose to reject Jesus! They turned loose a murderer and crucified the Son of God! What a terrible choice that was! But, what would you have done? You may say, “I would never have said for Christ to be crucified. Are you sure? Do you know that you and I have the same decision to make as they did concerning Jesus? Just as Pilate asked the Jews, “What Shall I Do With Jesus?” God is asking us the same question today, What Will You Do With Jesus? There are three possible answers to that question.....

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One choice we can make is....”I will reject Him.” The second choice is...“I will think about it. And the third choice is...“I will accept Him.” Let’s take a closer look at each of these choices.

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**I Will Reject Him!** This is exactly what the Jews did about 2,000 years ago. When faced with the same decision they shouted, Crucify Him! You may say, “I may not accept Jesus but I would never have Him crucified!” But that is exactly what you are doing if you fail to obey Jesus. Notice Hebrews 6:4-6....(read) At any point in our lives when faced with the question, “What Will I Do With Jesus?” if our response is to reject Him we are shouting like those recorded in Matthew 22:22....”Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” We are as guilty as those who physically put Jesus on the cross and watched Him suffer and die an agonizing death. But you may be saying, “I am not rejecting Jesus I just need to think about it for awhile.” Let’s look at that response....

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**I Will Think About It!** As we will see, this answer is no better than those who rejected Jesus. Let’s read Acts 24 beginning at verse 10....

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Here we see the Apostle Paul being held prisoner and standing before the governor Felix. Paul is pleading his case and at the same time preaching the Gospel to Felix...and Felix is listening. Let's read a little more....

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How sad! Here we see that Felix was listening to Paul concerning the Way or the Gospel concerning Jesus Christ. He even thought it over and after a few days brought Paul back and listened to him once again concerning the faith in Christ. So what was Felix's answer to "What Will I Do With Jesus?" He said, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." Without saying it directly, Felix said, "At this time I Will Reject Him." Any answer that says, "maybe", "later", "not now", etc is the same as saying "NO! I reject Jesus as my Savior!" So that leaves us with one answer remaining....

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**I Will Accept Him!** This is the greatest response that we can make! Accepting Jesus means we realize that He is indeed the Son of God who came to this earth, shed His blood and died for my sins! Accepting Jesus means I realize that I can not make it on my own! Accepting Jesus means I turn my life over to Him, totally and completely! Let's notice what the response was by many of those who heard the Gospel preached for the first time after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will not read the entire sermon but just excerpts from Act 2.

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Here we see that God, through Peter, was asking the people, "What Will You Do With Jesus?". When confronted with the facts that Jesus Christ was in truth the Son of God and that they had crucified Him, three thousand people gladly accepted Jesus by repenting and being baptized! So, what is your response today? When faced with the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is both our Lord and Savior, what will you do with Him? Will you reject Him and crucify our Lord all over again, or will you say "not now" (which is the same as rejecting Him), or will you accept Him as your Savior and be obedient to His Word by repenting and being baptized for the remission of your sins as were the three thousand on the day of Pentecost? God is asking each one of us right now, WWIDWJ?....

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What Will I Do With Jesus?

What will you do with Jesus?

God is waiting, What will your answer be?

NOTE: make your closing remarks and try to sing as your invitation song,  
**“Jesus is standing in Pilate's hall”.**