

EASTER FEELINGS

A look at some of the “feelings” of Easter’s participants, Biblical and current.

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The CONFLICTED feelings of Pontus Pilate.

*Faith brings about conflict both **among** and **within** people. Many take shots at this “shaky” Roman leader but his basic issues are still prevalent today.*

Within his mind and life Pilate had reasons to embrace Jesus, to believe in Him or to at least not be party to His crucifixion.

➤ His **WIFE**

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. Matthew 27

➤ His JURISDICTION

➤ The **EVIDENCE**

➤ His **GUT**

Our **HEART** and the Holy Spirit ultimately convicts us. John 16, 1 John 3

What caused Pilate to sign off on Jesus’ crucifixion?

I. The **NOISE** and the **NOIDS**

The anti-Jesus crowd was all over him, impacting many things including his,

- **EGO** and comfort.
- Employment.

II. The **LACK** of nerve

- Many things were lined up for him,
 - A blossoming **PERSONAL CONVICTION**.
 - A personal **ENCOUNTER** with **CHRIST**.
 - A spiritually **SENSITIVE** and **GROWING WIFE**.

Committing to and standing up for the one many wish to crucify is still hard.

We are no better than Pilate if we fail to stand up for Jesus. We will only stand firm if He is,

- More and my ego less.
- A companion greater than my earthy comforts.
- A security greater than my position.
- My true love that I will never fail.