

# THE EASTER QUESTION

## WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS?

- From the search engines
  1. Google: What to watch, Where is my refund, What's my IP address
  2. Quora: Meaning of life, Life changing books, Best ways to improve my memory
  3. ChatGPT: What can you do?
- From scripture **Matthew 27:22a (NKJV)**
  1. The question asked by Pilate

## THE RESPONSES TO PILATE'S QUESTION WERE VARIED

- To Pilate - Jesus was a pressure point
  1. He knew there was something different about Jesus
  2. Jesus' claim of being the Son of God - rattled Pilate
- To the soldiers Jesus was just another person
  1. No regard for who He was or what He represented -
  2. They crucified Him
- To the Religious leaders and elite - Jesus was a problem
  1. Jesus challenged their thinking, belief systems and power structure
  2. They opposed Him and wanted Him eliminated
- To many of His followers - Jesus was the promise of a better life
  1. They believed Jesus would restore Israel to prominence
  2. His arrest and crucifixion turned some against Him while others lost hope
- To one of the thieves crucified with Him, He was a personal Saviour **Luke 23:39-43 (NKJV)**
  1. He had the faith to respect God and the humility to acknowledge his own guilt
  2. He acknowledged Jesus' perfection and confessed Him as Lord
  3. Was rewarded with a promise of a better place with Jesus

## THE QUESTION STILL STANDS AND THE RESPONSES ARE STILL VARIED

- To some Jesus is just another person - historical, moral teacher etc.
  1. And they have no regard for Him; ignore Him
- To many of the intellectual and cultural elite Jesus is a problem
  1. He challenges their thinking and beliefs, and power
  2. They oppose Him and what He stands for
- To many Jesus is a pressure point - They know in their heart He is more than a man
  1. Conflicted and pressured by the crowd - many take a pass
- To billions around the world He is a personal Saviour
  1. Those that acknowledge the reality of God
  2. These are the ones who rest in the promise of a better life **John 10:10 (NKJV)**