

## The Journey Of The Cross

I Am Innocent of this Man's Blood  
Matthew 27.11-14, 24-26

The Journey of the Cross goes straight through the morality of the most powerful man in Israel.

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor,

and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

Jn 18.37 "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world. . .

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.

Luke 23.2 "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

13 Then Pilate \*said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14 And He did not answer him with regard to even a *single* charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see *to that* yourselves."

25 And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children"

26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Regardless of his claim of innocence, Pilate is morally accountable for his actions in the death of Jesus.

You can believe in God, the Bible and Jesus, but if you reject God's moral

standard you are not following Jesus.

Morality concerns the way God views and values life. Immorality is a rejection of the way God views and values life.

Regardless of why you reject him, Jesus died on the cross for you. And you can always turn and follow him.