



# FACT SHEET **PILATE**

**Matthew 27:11**

**Read It:**  
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**Talk It:**

Have you ever acted like an ostrich and stuck your head in the sand during conflict?

**Know it:**

Pilate had a position of great power. The Romans had enlisted Pilate and allowed him to live a great life. The problem was that Pilate did not like to rock the boat and wanted to please others. Then came the day when he stood face to face with Jesus. False accusations were made, and Pilate had to judge Jesus, but Pilate could not find anything wrong with Jesus. The crowd was mad and wanted Jesus dead.

In an attempt to make the crowd happy, Pilate had Jesus beaten, but the crowd still wanted Jesus dead. The crowd was wrong, and Pilate knew what was right. Standing for right is sometimes hard. Pilate had a choice and what did he do? He let the people have their way and washed his hands of the matter. By not standing up for what he knew was the right decision, he allowed Jesus to be crucified, even though he knew in his heart it was wrong. An innocent man was killed.

**Go Do It:**

You may have heard a coach say, "Never quit. Never surrender." When you are facing a problem, you should always do what is right, even when it is hard. Right decisions are rarely easy. It has been said, "What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular." God's Word challenges us, "Choose this day whom you will serve." (Joshua 24:15) Choose to follow God and do what is right, no matter how hard it is!

