

## ***“Finding Your Way – A Map for Life”***

We are faced with decisions every day – some of them are important and some are very small. Some of us have real problems making decisions, and we cannot make up our minds – and this can cause all kinds of problems.

In Matthew 27, Pontius Pilate was the politician that the Lord Jesus was judged by at the end of His life, and as Christ stood before Pilate, Pilate was confronted with a very important decision – what he would do with Jesus? He knew that the Lord Jesus did not deserve to be condemned (verses 18, 23), but he was persuaded by the crowd to condemn Christ to death (verses 20, 22-23).

We all must face the same spiritual dilemma that Pilate faced – what will I do with Jesus? This is illustrated on the poster called “The Two Roads” – it is a map showing us that *we are traveling from birth, through life into God’s eternity*. Along the way, we meet Jesus Christ (the door), and we must decide if we will come to Him.

There are 4 important aspects about these two roads and this choice:

### ***1) The COMMENCEMENT of the two roads***

- The broad road is the road of sin, and so we are all on it because we have all sinned. It is the road we are born on (Psalm 51:5). So our problem is that we took a bad turn at the start, and this has led to the current situation where we are away from God (Romans 5:12). ***Sin is a universal problem***, and it affects all of us.
- To be on the narrow road we need to be born into God’s family.

### ***2) The CHARACTERISTICS of the two roads***

- One road is **broad (wide)** because everyone is on it, and any sin is allowed on it; the other road is **narrow** because only a few find it, and people on it have come to Christ as Saviour and Lord and they must follow Him instead of doing what they want.
- When we are traveling and using a map, the first most important thing to discover is where I am. Thankfully, on this spiritual map, ***your location is knowable***. Where are you located? We must be honest before God and admit where we are. If we have never been saved by Jesus Christ, we are on the broad road.
- Pilate had the same issue as he considered what he would do with Jesus, but he would not face the facts honestly – he disobeyed what he knew (verses 18, 23), he did not listen to God speaking to him (verse 19), and he listened instead to the crowd (verses 23-24)

### ***3) The CONCLUSION of the two roads***

The issue is very important and crucial, because it is death (hell) and life (heaven) that are at the ends of these two roads. ***Your decision is very critical***, just as it was for Pilate. He was deciding what he would do with the person who would decide where he would be for eternity – after this event in his life, history says nothing about his progress. It was his golden opportunity to get the very best (heaven), but he missed it.

### ***4) The COMMAND the Lord Jesus makes about these two roads***

The Lord Jesus commanded people to enter the narrow gate/door, and every person must consider His command. ***Your response is personal***, just as it was with Pilate. Notice Matthew 27:22: Pilate says, “What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”