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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian church, The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. AMEN

Two distinct people with only Jesus in common

Male Roman official in contrast to female jewish peasant

Privileged, powerful and prosperous in contrast to poor and vulnerable

Earthly power structures in contrast to KOG trust

“What is truth ?” “I’m not responsible” in contrast “to trust and obey”

Jn2:2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there. **2** Both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

4. Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

5. His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

6. Six water pots made of stone were sitting there, used for ceremonial cleansing by the Jews, containing twenty to thirty gallons^[a] each.

7. Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

8. Then He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the master of the feast.”

And they took it. **9** When the master of the feast tasted the water that had been turned into wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who drew the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom, **10** and he said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and after men have drunk freely, then the poor wine is served. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

11 This, the first of His signs, Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and He revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.



Pontius Pilate

John 18:33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

34. “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

35. “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

36. Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

37. “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

38. “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan.

C. S. Lewis

Matthew 27:17 So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” **18** For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

19. 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.”

20. But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

21. “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

22. “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

23. “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

24. When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

The ball is in your (and my) court

