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created the heavens and the earth and all therein (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-16), the one who sustains that creation (Colossians 1:17); the Christ, the Son of the only living God (Matthew 16:15-16), the one sent by the Father in heaven to speak His words and to do His works (John 5:36; 6:38; 14:24), the only one on earth to live a sinless life (1 Peter 2:11-12), the one who was soon to die as a sacrifice for all the sins of all mankind (Romans 5:8; 1 John 2:2), the one who will one day return, raise and change all the dead, and judge the living and the dead (John 5:28-29; 2 Timothy 4:1); and the one who will receive the righteous into heaven and send the wicked into hell (Matthew 25:1-46). No, Pilate did not know these things. But he did declare His innocence, tried to absolve himself of any guilt, and yet delivered Jesus up to scourging, mocking, and execution by crucifixion.

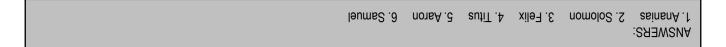
This same Jesus, during His ministry on earth, chose, trained, and equipped His twelve apostles and sent them forth to preach the gospel (the good news of salvation and service — Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). They offered all the opportunity to believe in and to follow Jesus with the reward of salvation and eternal life. They laid out all the evidence to prove that Jesus was who He claimed to be (e.g., see Acts 2:22-36). Then and now, every person who comes in contact with the gospel of Christ is faced with the same question asked by Pilate: "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" And He will either be ignored, rejected or believed and obeyed (Hebrews 5:8-9). Kind reader of this article, what will you do with Jesus; yes, what will you do with Jesus, now that you know who He is?.

Who Am I?

by Wayne Goff

Here are a few clues to see how well you know your Bible and it's characters. How well can you do?

- 1. Once I lied, not unto men, but unto God. Who am !?
- 2. Because I favored commerce rather than war, I borrowed money and spent my fortunes in importing horses, building ships, and finding wives. Who am I?
- 3. I had to listen to an oration by Tertullus against one of his prisoners whom he called "a pestilent fellow." Who am !?
- 4. The apostle Paul took me with him to Jerusalem, where he defended me from being forced into circumcision. Who am !?
- 5. I was the first High Priest of the Jews. Who am !?
- 6. I was a devout man, an able preacher, a prophet, and a leader of the people. Each year I made a circuit and judged Israel in several locations. Who am I?



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