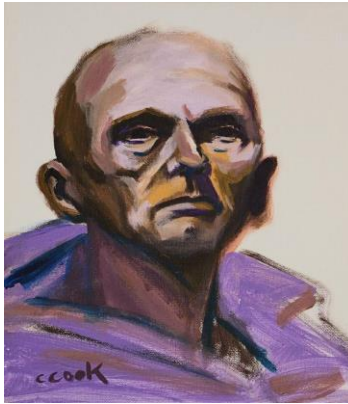


# PILATE'S DILEMMA



***"We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. (John 19)***

Why was Pilate afraid?

Pilate had the power to crucify Jesus or set him free.

Yet he was afraid.

Something in his soul told him that this man was not only innocent.

**He was holy.**

**He was from another world.**

"Where are you from?" asked Pilate.

Jesus gave him no answer.

Just the night before, Jesus gave his disciples the answer Pilate was looking for:

***"I came from the Father and have come into the world.  
Again I am leaving the world and going to the Father."***

**John 16**

***"I came from the Father."***

No other human can say that.

***"And..."*** (as soon as I'm finished what I came to do),

***... I'm going to the Father."***

When he goes to the Father he goes as the Firstborn of the New Creation.

**And when he returns he will come as *"firstborn among many brethren."*** (Romans 8)

Meanwhile, Jesus is no longer confined by human limitations.

He can be at a million places at once.

He is with me as I write and with you as you read these words.

He is here to help us turn from Darkness and walk in the Light.

### His Light.



***This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*** (1 John 1)

When the Light of the World stood before him, Pilate was afraid.

**He was afraid of the Light.**

**But he was even more afraid to leave the Darkness.**

He couldn't let go.

Pilate was confused.

But he understood one thing:

Pilate understood that you cannot walk in the Light unless you turn away from the Darkness.

**Do we?**



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