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“Of all the words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, ‘It might have been.’”

* Perhaps the most tragic word in our English language is almost.



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Pilate's Door

John 18 & Luke 23



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John 18:28 (NIV)

“Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.”

John 18:29 (NIV)

“Pilate came out to them and asked, ‘What charges are you bringing against this man?’”

John 18:30 (NIV)

“If he were not a criminal...we would not have handed him over to you.”

John 18:31 (NIV)

“Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

John 18:31 (NIV)

“‘But we have no right to execute anyone,’ the Jews objected.”

John 18:32 (NIV)

“This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.”

* God in His sovereignty orchestrated all of the events in the last days of Jesus in order to fulfill Old Testament prophecy.



Matthew 27:18 (NIV)

“For [Pilate] knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.”

John 18:33 (NIV)

“Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’”

John 18:34 (NIV)

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

John 18:35 (NIV)

“Am I a Jew? It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

John 18:36 (NIV)

‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.’

John 18:37,38 (NIV)

“‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’ ‘What is truth?’ Pilate asked.”

Jesus is always searching us
out, checking our hearts,
seeking a place in our lives.

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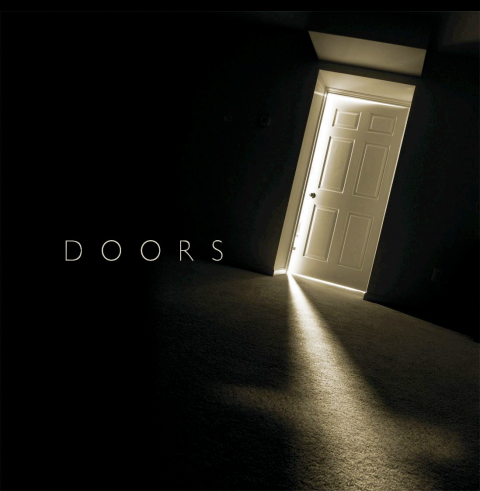
Hebrews 4:15

(Contemporary English Version)

“Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin!”

* The Lord knows our
weaknesses.

Christ understands how you
feel at this very moment in
your life.



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John 18:38 (NIV)

“With this he went out again to the Jews and said, ‘I find no basis for a charge against him.’”

John 18:38,39 (NIV)

“I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

John 18:40 (NIV)

“Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.”

John 18:40 (NIV)

“They shouted back, ‘No, not him!
Give us Barabbas!’”

Luke 23:22,23 (NIV)

“For the third time [Pilate] spoke to them: ‘Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.’ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.”

Matthew 27:19 (NIV)

“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.’”

John 19:12 (NIV)

“If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

Matthew 27:24 (NIV)

“...he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood...’”

* The voice of Jesus,
not the voice of the world,
must prevail in your life.

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