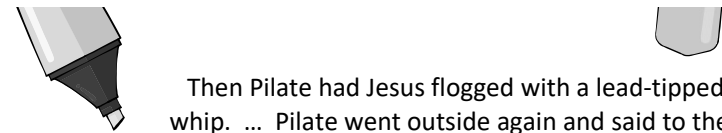


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Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. ... Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty."

When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, "Crucify him! ... Crucify him!"

"Take him yourselves and crucify him," Pilate said. "I find him not guilty."

John 19:1, 4, 6 (NLT2)

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Discuss

- What ways do you see that Pilate tried to withdraw from making a decision about Jesus' fate?
- How were his efforts like those of people who continue to avoid the issue of what to do with Jesus in their own lives?
- How can we be more honest with ourselves when God speaks to us about something in our lives?



3



Pray Together

- Thank the Jesus for dying in your place and taking the punishment for your sins.
- Pray for friends or family members who are reluctant to accept Christ as Savior
- Pray for those who will come to church especially for Easter Sunday – probably their one or two times a year of church attendance.



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