

CRAYONS TO COFFEE CUPS



Quid est veritas? (What is truth?)

Despite the fact we are now in the Easter season, I still feel it is fair to take a closer look at the important conversation between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate questions Him, when Jesus said that He is “witness to the truth.” Pilate’s response is, “What is truth?” Every year on Good Friday, I watch the *Passion of the Christ* by Mel Gibson. There is a moving scene between Pilate and his wife Claudia where he exposes his inner struggle with wanting to release Jesus despite the growing mob of angry Jews in the pretorium. As Claudia attempts to comfort her husband, she asks, “Do we hear truth when it is spoken? If you are not willing to hear it, no one can tell you what truth is.” Claudia’s questions are justified even in the present day and age. But what is truth now a days? Even though times have changed, the truth has not. What has changed throughout the centuries are peoples wants, needs and their own personal agendas. Unfortunately, that often leads to the truth being distorted. In the past, I have experienced some unpleasant conversations regarding how people view the truth. When we face the truth, we find it often rattles our conscience. That within itself can be quite unnerving. But to know God’s will; we must know His ways. Doing this requires us to acknowledge what the truth is that God gave to us at the beginning of time. This precious commodity has not and will never change. Whether or not this conversation occurred between Pilate and Claudia or it is simply a Hollywood “add-on” to this movie, it is certainly an important discussion that we must come to terms with from time to time. Searching for the answer is growing more difficult, when the world is descending into a kind of moral relativism. There is no objective standard of truth and everything is done because it feels good or helps achieve our personal agendas. Contemporary Western society is riddled with moral ambiguity that cries out for a solid Christian moral foundation. When we examine our conscience, at the end of the day, have we been an example of truth or have we given in to the crowd of people? Let our hearts and eyes be open to recognizing the people that God sends our way to assist us in witnessing the truth. –Sherrie Clutts DRE