

## Pilate's Big Test John 18:28-40

Epic Fail: A compilation of numerous failures over **time**.  
All tests are striving to answer a **question**.  
Some tests have greater **consequences** than others.

Pilate's Big Test: What do I do with **Jesus**?

Reasons for failing:

We fail because of our **ability**.

We fail because of our **thinking**.

Jesus took care of the **ability** issue! (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Thinking fails...

Jesus is **trivial**.

Jesus is **irrelevant**.

Jesus is not worth the **effort**.

Jesus is not **equal** to or **above** other areas of our life.

A **master** teacher is never content with a student's **failure** and will patiently model a pattern of **success** for their student.

**Jesus** is our master teacher.

Jesus Truths...

Jesus thinks we are **valuable**.

Jesus thinks we are **relevant**.

Jesus thinks we are worth **dying for**.

Jesus thinks that there is no greater **priority** than to bring **you** to **Him**.

### LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. What were the four "thinking fails" mentioned in last week's sermon? Which one presents the biggest challenge to you and why?
2. Which of the "Jesus Truths" speak the strongest in your life. Why?
3. Who immediately comes to mind in your life who is struggling and is seemingly on the verge of an epic fail. What will you do this week to encourage them?
4. Read the exchange between Pilate and Jesus. What things strike you about Jesus and how He responds to Pilate? How can you use His example towards others?
5. What is one way that you keep Jesus at the forefront of your life to avoid a "thinking fail"?
6. Reflect on the following statement, "Jesus, our master teacher is never content with a student's failure and will patiently model a pattern of success for their student." What words strike you from this statement?
7. Close your time with a prayer of thanksgiving for the patience of our Savior in working with us.

**Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Intentional Evangelism/Loving People**