

Treasure Hunt

- What is the source of the OT prophecy that Matthew has in mind in 27:9-10?
- What two institutions are involved throughout Matthew in assessing Jesus as “king of the Jews”?
- How does each of their assessments of him change between ch. 2 and ch. 27?
- How is the Lord’s testimony before Pilate an example for us?
- What was the content of Timothy’s confession at his salvation?
- What is Pilate’s personal assessment of the Lord Jesus?
- What OT story does the appearance of Pilate’s wife bring to mind, and why does Matthew introduce it?

Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with Judas
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper (Judas), Gethesemene (Peter)		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews (Judas)	
			26:57-27:56 Jesus with the Jews: Trials (Peter, Judas), Crucifixion (women)
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

Jeremiah or Zechariah?

Zechariah

11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **thirty pieces of silver**.
13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the **potter**: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the **thirty pieces of silver**, and **cast them** to the **potter in the house of the LORD**.

History of Judas

- **30 pcs of silver**
- **Cast down the silver in the temple**
- **Potter**
- **Repents of innocent blood**
- **Money associated with a specific place**
- **Place renamed to reflect violent death**
- **Place designated as a burial ground**

Jeremiah

19:1 Thus saith the LORD, Go and get a **potter's** earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; 2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the **east pottery** gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,
4 ... they ... have filled this place with the **blood of innocents**;
6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **this place** shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but **The valley of slaughter**.
11 they shall **bury** *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.

Answering the Wise Men's Question

Mat 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When **Herod the king** had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the **chief priests and scribes of the people** together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

[Roman soldiers] Mat 27:36 And sitting down they watched him there; 37 And set up over his head his accusation written, **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Mat 27:41 Likewise also the **chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders**, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be **the King of Israel**, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

The Lord's Testimony before Pilate

Mat 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** And Jesus said unto him, **Thou sayest.**

Joh 18:33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom** is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king.** To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Paul exhorts Timothy to a Godly Life

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, **faith**, **love**, patience, **meekness**.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed **a the good profession** before many witnesses.

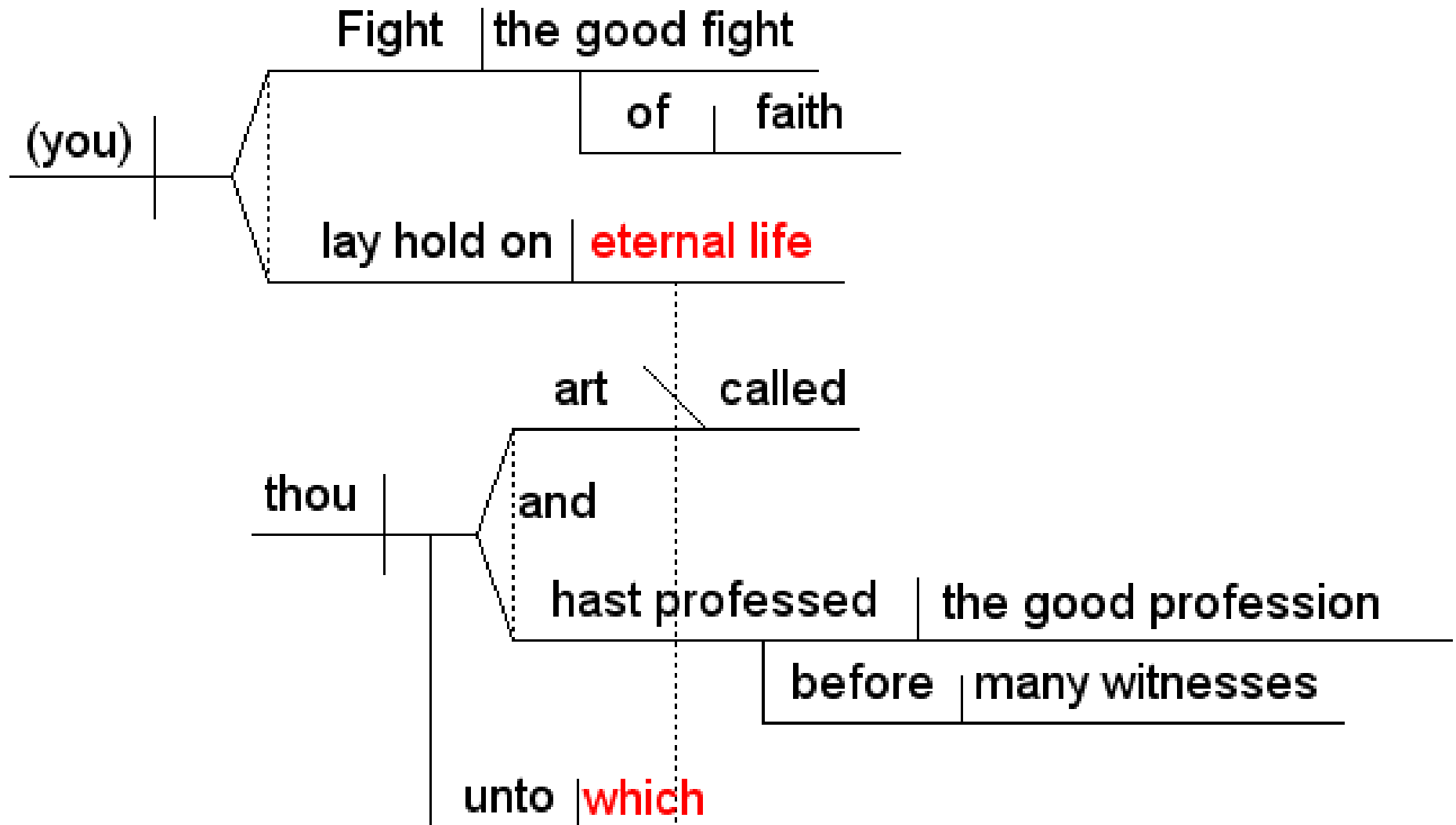
13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed **a the good confession**; 14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

What to do: cf. Gal 5:22-23 (**love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**, **meekness**, temperance)

How to do it (diagram, next slide): as the outgrowth of your salvation

Why do it: example of Christ before Pilate

The Structure of 1 Tim 6:12



The Trial before Pilate and the Book of Esther

Description	In Esther	In Matthew
Righteous Jew, unjustly persecuted	Mordecai	Jesus
Jealous opponent	Haman	Jewish leaders
Legal authority responsible to condemn the guilty and justify the righteous	King Ahasuerus	Pilate
Wife who interrupts the judge	Esther	Pilate's Wife