

Pilate's Wife Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Would having a politically sophisticated wife appear to be a valuable asset for the successful Roman politician?

Is she right that Pilate is skilled at compromise?

Does the Scripture indicate that she saw trouble coming because of the Jesus situation?

Is it surprising that she makes a great deal of a dream?

Does Pilate try to take her advice to "Have nothing to do with that innocent man?"

Why do you suppose that she reacts to Jesus in a way that Pilate cannot?

What about Jesus apparently caught her attention?

What most impressed Pilate?

There is a tradition that she became a believer. Is it possible for such a person to turn completely around, repent of paganism and accept Jesus?

There is no contemporary record of her becoming prominent in the church although she is later venerated in the Eastern Orthodox Church. Would she have become a celebrity convert in contemporary American society?

What is the danger of elevating celebrity converts?

What is necessary for a highly placed person to do before they will come to Christ?

Is it wise to give major responsibilities to young believers?

What is likely to happen?