

## PILATE'S QUESTION

“And what is truth?” asked Pilate, but he didn't wait to hear  
An answer to his question from the Carpenter so near.  
He left the Teacher standing while he went back to the Jews.  
His Roman mind rejected all those rumors of “good news.”  
He failed to weigh Christ's miracles which clearly were a sign  
For all to see that Jesus brought us words that were divine.

Now Christ had taught that loving God and loving man were key  
To living out existence as God meant for it to be.  
So, Who is God? That question didn't enter Pilate's thought.  
The Truth Who is a Person: that encounter wasn't sought!  
Just so is Jesus overlooked by questionings today  
In souls who search for answers but refuse to bow and pray.

It wasn't Christ on trial there but Pilate, you, and I.  
We do not hear the Man above the cries of “crucify!”  
Our intellect is eager for some truth, but not for One  
Who answers all our searching: “I am Christ, God's only Son.”  
Just ask Him, “Who is Truth?” and we must come or turn to flee:  
“I am the way, the truth, the life; you come to God through me.”

— *David L. Hatton, 8/29/1988*