

# Morning Lesson

## CAN I BE NEUTRAL?

**Matt. 12:22-30**

### INTRO:

1. When Jesus was on trial for his life, Pilate found no reason to have him crucified.
  - a. So, he washed his hands before them all to absolve him of any responsibility concerning Jesus.
  - b. He couldn't wash Jesus' blood off his conscience.
2. We cannot be neutral about Jesus. There is no middle ground. **Matt. 12:30; Luke 11:23**

### I. WHY IS THERE NO MIDDLE GROUND?

- A. Jesus is God's spokesman to man. **Heb. 2:1-4**
- B. He is the mediator between God and man. **1 Tim. 2:5**
- C. He is our perfect example. **1 Pet. 2:21, 22**
- D. He is man's only savior. **Matt. 1:21**

### II. STANDING BEFORE A MAN LIKE THAT REQUIRES A DECISION.

- A. We can't just pass him off with a shrug of the shoulders.
- B. I have to make a decision: a decision that affects my soul, judgment, and eternity.
- C. He challenges all of us through his word and something will be done. **John 12:48**

### CONC:

1. One day the situation will be reversed.
  - a. Today Jesus stands before each of us and we decide what to do with him.
  - b. One day we will stand before him and he will decide what to do with us.  
**2 Cor. 5:10. Acts 17:22-31**
2. Are we practicing the Golden Rule when it comes to Jesus? **Matt. 7:12**
3. If not, I had better start today.