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WHEN WORDS AREN'T THE ANSWER

When Jesus had been arrested and handed over to the Roman rulers for execution, it was Pontius Pilate who questioned Jesus. He asked Jesus if he was “king of the Jews,” because it would be a crime, according to Rome, for someone else to claim such power in Jerusalem. Jesus answered “I came to testify to the truth.”

Then Pilate asked a question that has echoed through the ages: “What is truth?”

But there is no response recorded in the gospel according to John. Was this a rhetorical question? Was Pilate just musing out loud, while his guards were already hauling Jesus away? Or was there a moment of silence that passed between them: Pilate looking at Jesus, waiting for an answer, and Jesus looking back, as if to say, “How can you claim to rule when you don’t know what truth is?”

Or, just maybe, Jesus himself is the answer. His life is the answer.
What is truth? It stands before you in a life full of love.

Many of our most important questions don’t have answers that can be easily spoken. Why is there injustice and tragedy in the world? What is the secret to meaning in our lives?

Words cannot fully answer such questions.

Some questions are best met by the presence of God, standing before us in the life of Jesus and in all the people who bring forth faith, hope, and love into the world.

Peace,

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