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university, so often do when faced with something so threatening as Jesus, Pilot resorts to philosophy. "Now what is truth?" He asks. And the confrontation between Jesus and Pilot, Jesus and Rome, Jesus and Western Civilization 101, is resolved in the conventional gentile fashion, Pilot orders that Jesus be beaten half to death. "My Kingdom is not from here." Jesus says. As the soldiers, just following orders, lead him away. "My Kingdom is not form here." It really isn't you know. You walk out of our gothic Duke chapel into bright sun, and you see the kingdoms here. Divinity, and the dozen verses proceeding this encounter with Pilot, you'll find Jesus encounter with professional theologians. Philosophy, what is truth? ROTC, just following orders. Law, the Judge's name was Pilot. Even our beautiful, chapel, the preacher's name was Caiaphas. Here are kingdoms, here is our power, backed up by government grants, propped up by the economic status quo, here we sit and ponder truth. Here we do the research that leads to the weapons of mass destruction, here is where the best and the brightest of our young come to access the path to power as this kingdom defines power. Here they come to receive our ticket to success, as this kingdom defines success, here. That is why some inspired artisan, placed this particular scene from John's gospel, above our alter. Jesus, judge by everything you and I hold dear. Everything for which we work here. Everything to which we sacrifice our children, everything here, to be assaulted by searing words of Jesus, judgment. "My kingdom is not from here." Our kingdoms, the realms we so murderously defend, are named Bosnia, Northern Ireland, United States. We would do almost anything for our kingdoms, and we have done almost anything in this century, in their defense. More people have been killed in this century, by their own government, than have even been killed in war. The scene of Jesus before pilot, the prophet of truth before the principalities and powers of the modern state, has been reenacted dozens of times in dozens of places, and yet he testifies to the court, "My kingdom is not from here." Having thus judged us, and our empires, standing before us over the alter of our chapel, he invites us to break free, to cut loose, to join him on his way toward a new world, a different kingdom, God's kingdom, a kingdom where the truth can be told. And the innocent need not suffer, and the crucifixion of the righteous ends. A kingdom, thank God, not of this world. (choir singing) (choir singing) (choir singing)

come to Mary and Martha to consol them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went at met him. While Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here "my brother would not have died, but even now "I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again "in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "On the resurrection and the like, "those who believe in me, even though they die, "will live, and everyone who lives, and believes in me, "will never die, do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes lord, I believe that you are "the Messiah, the Son of God, "the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The teacher is here "and is calling for you." And when she herd it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her, saw Mary get up and quickly go out, they followed her, because they though that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feed and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not of died." He was greatly disturbed in sprit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you layed him?" They said unto him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep, so the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes "of the blind man kept this man from dying?" And Jesus again, greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man said to him, "Lord, already there's stench because "he's been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you, that if you believe, "you would see the glory of God." So they took away the stone, and Jesus looked upward and said, "Father I thank you for having, heard me, "I know that you always here, but I've said this, "for the sake of the crowd standing here, "so that they may believe that you sent me." When he said this he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go." (choir singing) (choir singing) (choir singing)