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## Sample page from the Lent Little Black Book

March 24, 2003

### Malcolm Muggeridge

British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge was born on this date 100 years ago.

Muggeridge introduced Mother Teresa to the world in his 1968 TV documentary, "Something Beautiful For God." And it was Mother Teresa who introduced Muggeridge (and his wife) to Catholicism.

While working as a producer for the BBC, he had heard about Mother Teresa. He began doing research on her and interviewing her. Gradually he became fascinated with the work of this tiny woman who was dedicating her life to the sick and dying in India.

A self-described "religious maniac without a religion," his work on the Mother Teresa documentary ignited an interest in Catholicism. In 1982, at the age of 79, he became Catholic, as did his wife.

"I have never experienced so perfect a sense of human equality as with Mother Teresa among her poor. Her love for them, reflecting God's love, makes them equal... however widely they differ in intellectual and other attainments, in physical beauty and grace."

— Malcolm Muggeridge

Monday - Third Week of Lent

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" (Jn 18:33-35)

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We've talked about how Pilate will vacillate between light and darkness, truth and falsehood. This is dramatized in John by Pilate shuttling back and forth, going outside the praetorium to the crowd, and inside the praetorium to Jesus. Having just been outside with the leaders, Pilate now comes inside to Jesus.

His first question has to do with whether Jesus is a king. When Jesus wants to know why he is asking this, Pilate gets a bit testy, as a Roman governor might when dealing with a "peasant" from Galilee.

Things are off to as bad a start inside as they were outside. Remember, it is Pilate who is on trial. Will he choose light or darkness?

To accept a truth that changes our perspective requires certain humility. Getting a new insight is not just adding something to a list. It affects the other truths we hold, just as the birth of a new child affects the whole family.

That's why we sometimes close our minds. We fear the chain reaction a new insight might have on everything else.

But a closed mind is a prison. Jesus said, "The truth will set you free."

Okay, Lord. Here I am. Open my mind to truths I've been avoiding. Spend some quiet time with the Lord