

Jesus Held Thunder But Chose Silence

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“Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said.

*“Don’t you realize I have power
to free you or crucify you?”*

Jesus answered,

*“You would have no power over me
if it were not given to you from above.”*

— John 19:10–11

Jesus stood before Pilate
with thunder in His lungs.
He could have spoken storms,
summoned angels,
shattered injustice with a word.
But He didn’t.

He chose silence—
not because He lacked voice,
but because He knew
when not to use it.

You may not know this about Jesus,
but His silence wasn’t passive—
it was restrained.

A refusal to grasp power
that wasn’t given.
A surrender that shook the earth
more than any shout.

Are there times
when I should speak less
so the Father can speak more?

Father,
teach me not to explain
or defend myself—

especially when staying silent
means I'm trusting You.

Help me rest in the fact
that You already know
everything about me.

Let my quiet before You
be a place of strength,
not a way to prove anything.

Make my thoughts clean and faithful,
even when I feel misunderstood.

Help me trust Your timing
more than my need to be heard.

I ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.