The Choice
Matthew 27: 15 - 23
${ }^{15}$ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ${ }^{16}$ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ${ }^{17}$ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ${ }^{18}$ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ${ }^{19}$ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ${ }^{20}$ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ${ }^{21}$ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ${ }^{23}$ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Matthew 27: 15 - 23 (ESV)

1. We have a choice between Christ and the world.
2. We experience pressure to choose something other than Jesus.
3. Our choice will determine our destiny.
