



JESUS ON TRIAL

Before the Crowd

Mark 15:6-15

WEEK FOUR

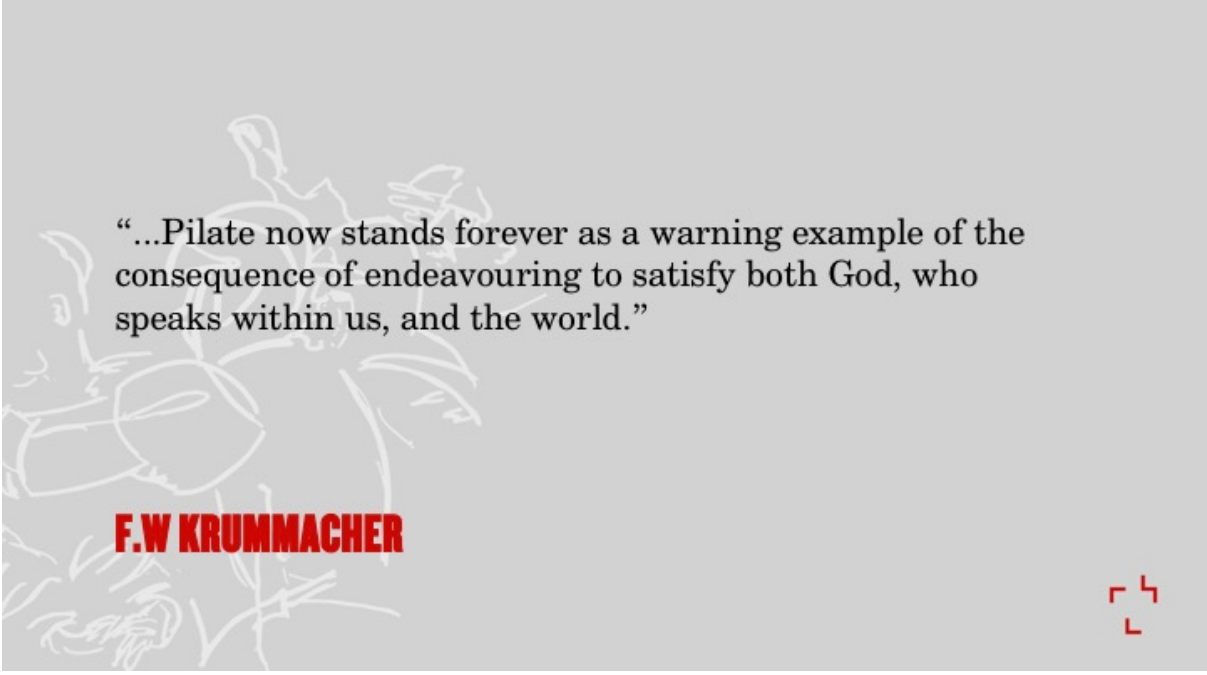


I. A NEUTRAL PILATE

MARK 15:6-10 (ESV)

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.





“...Pilate now stands forever as a warning example of the consequence of endeavouring to satisfy both God, who speaks within us, and the world.”

F.W KRUMMACHER



FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE

1. Theists. **There is a God.**
2. Atheists. **There is no God.**
3. Agnostics. **I don't know if there's a God.**
4. Apatheists: **I don't care if there's a God.**



THE DEADLINESS OF APATHEISM

PROVERBS 1:32

For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the **complacency** of fools destroys them



It was not outright rejection of Jesus that sent Pilate to hell, but indifference.



2. A FICKLE CROWD

MARK 15:11-14 (ESV)

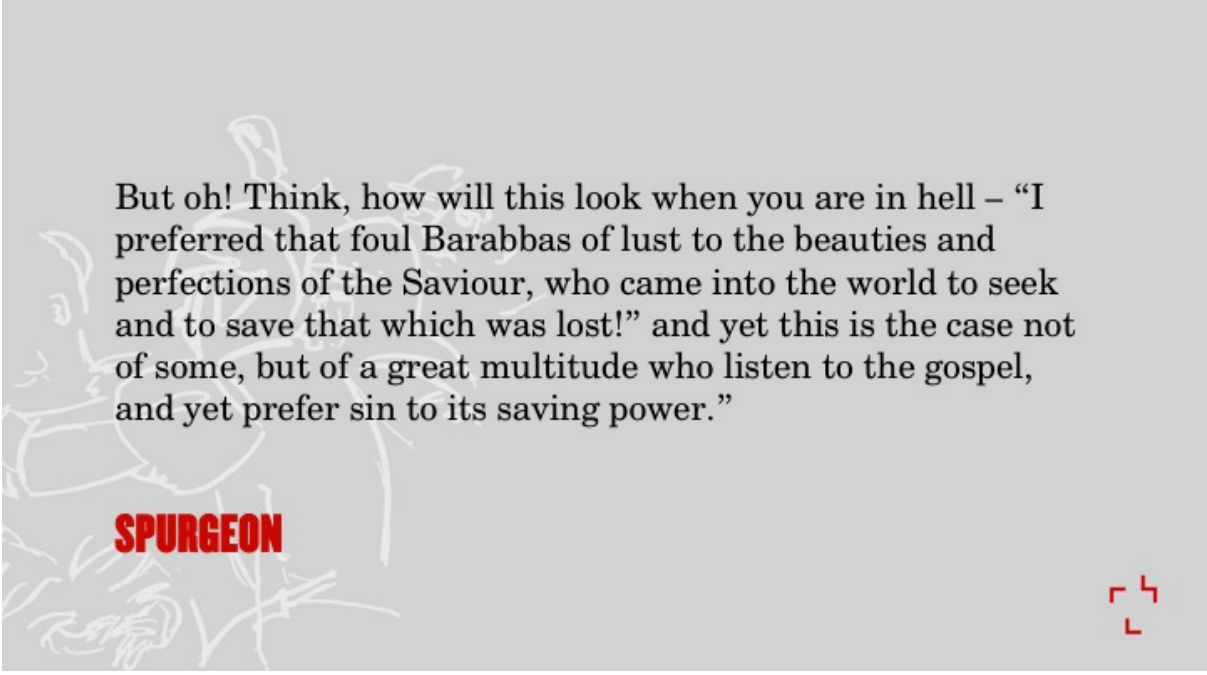
¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.”



“What exactly are these two cities? They are...two peoples whose nature is determined by the object of their love.”

AUGUSTINE





But oh! Think, how will this look when you are in hell – “I preferred that foul Barabbas of lust to the beauties and perfections of the Saviour, who came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost!” and yet this is the case not of some, but of a great multitude who listen to the gospel, and yet prefer sin to its saving power.”

SPURGEON



3. A GUILTY BARABBAS

MARK 15:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.



JESUS OUR SUBSTITUTE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For our sake, He made Him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.



I AM BARABBAS.

