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Jesus before Pilate, Jesus for Barabbas

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As soon as it was morning, the chief priests had a meeting with the elders, scribes, and the whole Sanhedrin. After tying Jesus up, they led Him away and handed Him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup> So Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You have said it.”

<sup>3</sup> And the chief priests began to accuse Him of many things. <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate questioned Him again, “Are You not answering anything? Look how many things they are accusing You of!” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

# Mark 15:6-11



<sup>6</sup> At the festival it was Pilate's custom to release for the people a prisoner they requested. <sup>7</sup> There was one named Barabbas, who was in prison with rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them as was his custom. <sup>9</sup> So Pilate answered them, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?" <sup>10</sup> For he knew it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.

# Mark 15:12-15



<sup>12</sup> Pilate asked them again, “Then what do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?”

<sup>13</sup> Again they shouted, “Crucify Him!”

<sup>14</sup> Then Pilate said to them, “Why? What has He done wrong?”

But they shouted, “Crucify Him!” all the more.

<sup>15</sup> Then, willing to gratify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. And after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

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- Verse 1-5: Jesus, God Himself, temporarily humbled before a temporarily exalted sinner in Pontius Pilate, so that one day humbled sinners, in you and me, would be able to stand before an eternally exalted God
- Verse 6-15: Jesus replaces Barabbas, the guilty man freed by the sacrifice of the innocent.



“There is simply no other way to compete with the forebodings of my conscience, the condemning of my heart, and the lies of the Devil than to overwhelm such things with daily rehearsings of the gospel.”

*Milton Vincent, A Gospel Primer,*



# Jesus is our Representative

- Genesis 3: “<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”
- Mark 15: “<sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.”

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Jesus

Guilty of sin

Sinless

Was asked to give an account for himself by Holy God.

Was asked to give an account for Himself by a pagan Gentile

Spoke up to deflect the blame toward bride.

Stayed silent as a means of absorbing the blame for all of mankind's sin, thinking of His bride the Church

Blames God.

Never impugned God's character for a second.

Clothed by God's mercy though He was deserving of wrath.

Was stripped naked and experienced the fullness of God's wrath though He was the only one who deserved none of it.



# Jesus is Uniquely Enough

There are only two ways: You rely on your works, or you rely on Jesus.

Christianity says that salvation must be a free gift, because nothing we can earn is enough.



# Jesus has the Capacity

If you've lived a life like Barabbas, **Jesus Christ has the capacity for all your stuff.**

The cup that Jesus drank on our behalf was filled to the brim with God's wrath against all unrighteousness of man.

# Discussion Questions



1. How often do you comfort yourself with the good news that Jesus died for your sins?
2. Do you remember well that the foundation of your Christian life is the gospel? Rate yourself on a scale from 1-10?