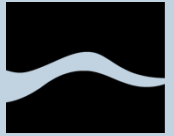


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS TRIAL

Mark 15:1-15



BIG IDEA: The true and innocent King was delivered over to death so that sinners could be set free.

APPLICATION GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DISCUSS

Have you ever received something valuable that you knew you could never repay? What was it, and how did receiving it make you feel?

That experience can be uncomfortable because we naturally want to earn what we receive. But Mark 15 shows us a guilty man who could contribute absolutely nothing toward his freedom. Someone else would bear the cost.

EXPLORE

What do Pilate's questions, Jesus' answers, and Jesus' silence reveal about what kind of King Jesus is?

What contrasts does Mark establish between Barabbas and Jesus, and why is the word "instead" in v. 11 so significant?

What evidence does Mark give for Jesus' innocence, and what exchange ultimately takes place between Jesus and Barabbas? How does Mark 10:45 help us understand its significance?

APPLY

Where are you most tempted to want Jesus to conform to your expectations rather than submit to him as the King he actually is?

The sermon says, "We're not Jesus in this story. We're Barabbas." What makes that difficult to accept? Where do you see your own rebellion against God's rightful rule?

Jesus sets us free not simply from sin's penalty, but to belong to him. What would living as someone who belongs to King Jesus change in your life right now?

COMMIT

Because the innocent King paid the ransom to set you free, what is one area of your life where you will stop ruling and willingly submit to King Jesus this week?