

We are Barabbas

Mark 15:1-20

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***“To forgive is to set a prisoner
free and discover that the
prisoner was you.”***

Lewis Smedes



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15:1 Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

2,3 Pilate questioned Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He answered him, “It is as you say.”
The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly.

4,5 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, “Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!” But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

<p>Mark 14:53</p> <p>They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gathered together.</p>				<p>ARRAIGNMENT AND 5 TRIALS OF JESUS</p>
<p>Religious Arraignment Jewish</p>	<p>PRE</p>	<p>LUKE 22:54 JOHN 18:12-14</p>	<p>ANNAS</p>	<p>STAND TRIAL</p>
<p>Religious Trials Jewish</p>	<p>1ST</p>	<p>MATT 26:57-68 JOHN 18:24</p>	<p>CAIAPHAS</p>	<p>BLASPHEMY - DEATH</p>
	<p>2ND</p>	<p>MATT 26:57-68; MARK 14:53-65 LUKE 22:66-71; JOHN 18:12-24</p>	<p>SANHEDRIN</p>	<p>BLASPHEMY - DEATH</p>
<p>Secular Trials Roman</p>	<p>3RD</p>	<p>MATT 27:1,2; MK 15:1-5 LUKE 23:1-5; JOHN 18:28-38</p>	<p>PILATE</p>	<p>NOT GUILTY</p>
	<p>4TH</p>	<p>LUKE 23:8-12</p>	<p>HEROD</p>	<p>NOT GUILTY</p>
	<p>5TH</p>	<p>MATT 27:15-26; MARK 15:6-15 LUKE 23:13-25; JOHN 18:38-19:16</p>	<p>PILATE</p>	<p>NOT GUILTY BUT...</p>

“When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.” Luke 23:6,7

Back to Pilate!

Jesus Charged (Roman) 1-5

- Sanhedrin could not execute
- Sent to Pilate – to Herod – to Pilate
- Pilate asked about treason – King?
- ‘amazed’ - Defenseless? undefended!

***“Jesus did not slay
His enemies –
He died for them!”***



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6,7 Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8,9 The crowd went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

10,11 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

12,13 Answering again, Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify Him!”

14 But Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify Him!”

15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Jesus Condemned 6-15

- Annual gesture of mercy – pardon
- Chose especially distasteful option
- Religious leaders – take Barabbas!
- ‘what shall I do with Him?’ – CRUCIFY!
- Why ‘scourge’? **Isaiah 53**

“The heart of the gospel is redemption, and the essence of redemption is the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.” C.H. Spurgeon



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16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort.

17,18 They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; and they began to acclaim Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

Jesus Crowned 16-20

- VIP criminal – soldiers gathered
- Mocked as faux King
- ‘crown of thorns’
- Scepter – ‘reed’
- ‘kneeling and bowing’

***“He accepted guilt that was not
His so I can have grace that was
not mine!”***



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“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accord with the riches of God’s grace.” Eph 1:7

We are Barabbas!

- He took my place
- He bore my guilt
- He wore my crown!



I cannot wear it for Him –

I can wear it with Him!

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“God not only takes away the bitterness and gives sweetness in its place but turns the bitterness into sweetness itself.”

C.H. Spurgeon



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“I died for me” - Judas

“He died for me” – Barabbas

“I died for you” – Jesus



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