

Mark 15:1-16:8, 15 "They bound Jesus"

Can man bind God? What is this saying?

Is God ever bound by anything? Think carefully

Why was Pilate amazed?

Who was Barabbas and what is the point of his involvement?

Why are some of the other bit players in the Passion Drama?

As Jesus is being humiliated, mocked and killed, what else is happening that is even more dramatic?

As we wrap up our study in Marks gospel account, what are the overall lessons we should have ingrained within us?

Marks debated texts: Mk.16:15-20 on Wed. night

Jesus was bound, we were found and now abound!



[Mar 15:1 ESV] 1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. **And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate.**

We Never Expected Jesus/God to be Bound! He Knew they were coming, didn't run. He said I AM and they fell, He remained. He said I was with you daily you didn't arrest me!

Handcuffed!

Constrained

Judged?!!

Bonds/Bondage

- Adam's curse! Original / Inherited Sin (Romans 5:12-21)
- Israel's enslavement to Egypt: Let my people go!
- Paul's paradox, Martin Luther's: Bondage of the Will
- Demonic Possession – a slavery (Mark 5:1-20)
- Bond of Matrimony, Lazarus bound in death (John 11:44)
- Empty tomb, linen cloths folded (John 20:6-7)

**The Disciples Didn't expect Jesus to rise again! And Lay his grave clothes folded to the side!
Lazarus needed to be loosed!**

Murphys Law – Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong, and at the worst time. Left to themselves, things will go from bad to worse

Paul's paradox: Rom.6-7 When I want to do good, I don't! When I don't want to do evil, I do!

The world now calls this Addiction

Bondage of Prison or arrest

Jesus was Bound because He took our place!

[Rom 7:2 ESV] 2 For a **married woman is bound by law to her husband** while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

1Co 7:27, 39 ESV] 27 **Are you bound to a wife?** Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ... 39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives.

[Rom 5:12-21 ESV] 12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through

sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Jhn 20:6-7 ESV] 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.



[2Ti 2:8-10 ESV] 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, **9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!** 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Yet the Word of God is His Bond!!

Paul was in Stocks and bonds! But was more free than the Jailer who bound him!!

[Act 16:18-19, 23-33 ESV] 18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ... 23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out

and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.



Gods Word is His bond! He cannot Lie! Better said, Will NOT!

[Num 23:19 ESV] 19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

[Mat 5:37 ESV] 37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

[2Co 1:17-20 ESV] 17 Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? 18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. 20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

[Psa 110:4 ESV] 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

[Mat 24:35 ESV] 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[Tit 1:2 ESV] 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

[1Jo 1:10 ESV] 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

[1Jo 5:10 ESV] 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

[Heb 6:13-20 ESV] 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

They bound Jesus? Omnipresent! (Psalm 139)

- 1 Kings 8:27 – “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”
- John 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (tabernacle). Immanuel – God with us!
- Luke 2:12 – “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger

We didn't expect man to bind God? What is this saying?

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But remember that Jesus became fully Man too!! Phil,2

Jesus IS God! God cannot be limited or constrained in any way shape or form. He is Omnipresent and Omnipotent!!! He is Uncontainable!!

[1Ki 8:27 ESV] 27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

[2Ch 6:18 ESV] 18 "But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!

[Isa 66:1 ESV] 1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?"

[Jhn 1:14 ESV] 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[Act 7:48-49 ESV] 48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, 49 "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?"

[Act 17:24 ESV] 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth,

does not live in temples made by man,

[2Co 6:16 ESV] 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

[2Ch 2:6 ESV] 6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him?

[Psa 113:4 ESV] 4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

[Psa 139:7-8 ESV] 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

[Jer 23:24 ESV] 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

[Mat 12:29 ESV] 29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

[Mat 16:19 ESV] 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

[Mat 18:18 ESV] 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

[Mat 21:2 ESV] 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.

[Mat 22:13 ESV] 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

[Mar 5:3-4 ESV] 3 He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, 4 for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.

[Mar 15:7 ESV] 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the

insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.

[Luk 13:16 ESV] 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

[Jhn 11:44 ESV] 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

[Jhn 19:40 ESV] 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

[Act 9:2, 14, 21 ESV] 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ... 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ... 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"

[Act 12:6 ESV] 6 Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison.

[Act 20:22 ESV] 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,

[Act 21:11, 13 ESV] 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" ... 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

[Act 22:29 ESV] 29 So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

[Rom 7:2 ESV] 2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

[1Co 7:27, 39 ESV] 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ... 39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if

her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

[Col 4:3 ESV] 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison--

[2Ti 2:9 ESV] 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

[Rev 9:14 ESV] 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

[Rev 20:2 ESV] 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

No molecule or atomic particle is so small that God is not fully present to it, and no galaxy so vast that God does not circumscribe it.

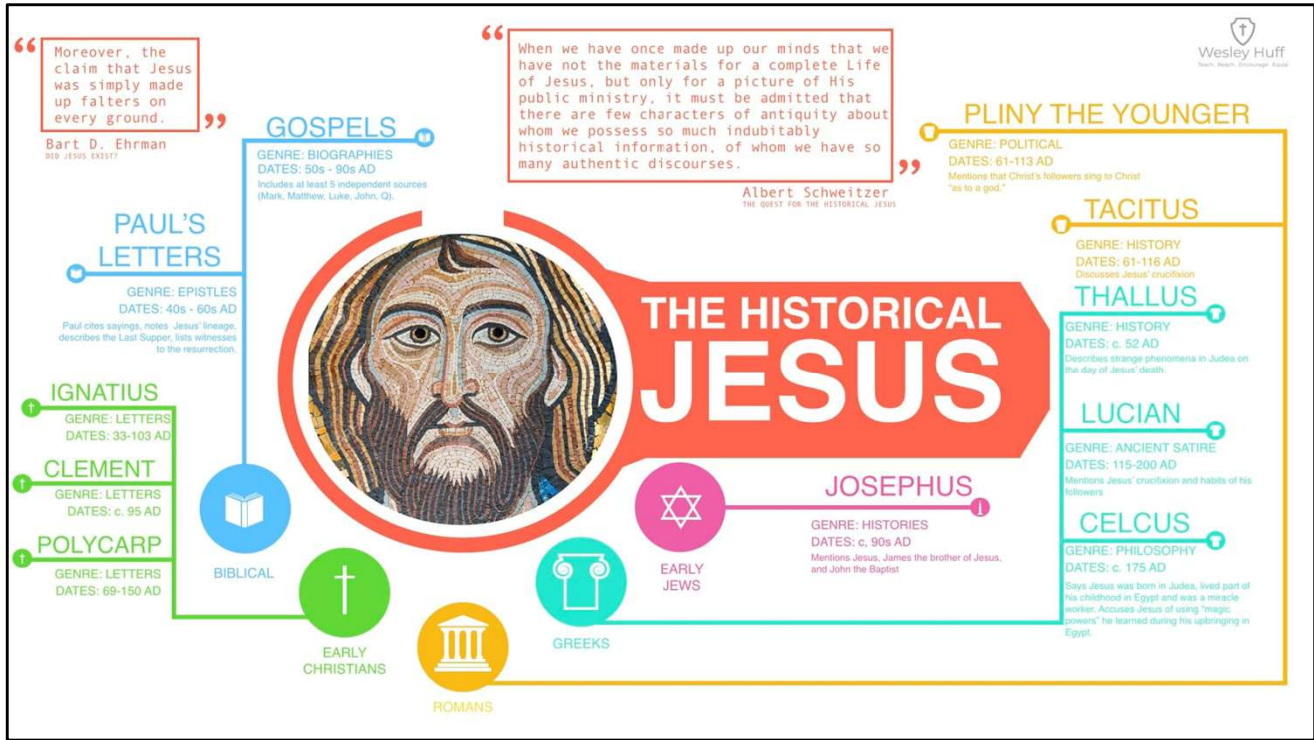
[Psa 33:13-14 ESV] 13 The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; 14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

[Isa 40:12-13, 15, 17-18 ESV] 12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? ... 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. ... 17 All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. 18 To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

[Psa 46:1 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

[Col 1:17 ESV] 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

[Heb 1:3 ESV] 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,



Near 30 Ancient Historians conformed the Notable existence and attributions of Jesus as the messiah

We Didn't Really Expect God to become a Man!!! Assumed this was symbolic or metaphorical?

He actually came down here!

The Hypostatic Union!!

- Jesus lowered Himself! 3x
- Philippians 2:7-8 – but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- God is Spirit! Yet became a creature?

We didn't expect the hypostatic union, stating that Jesus possesses two natures without confusion/mixture, without change, without division, and without separation. The Chalcedon Council 451AD

3x

- 1. God/Spirit became Man/flesh. The I am became His creation**
- 2. Endured the indignities/limitations (to some sense) of Humanity. Obeyed His mother, was hungry, suffered...washed disciples feet, with love. Came to serve!!**
- 3. He bore our sins on the cross – even death on a cross. How can Darkness meet Light? How do we mix oil and water**

It's a Wonder/Miracle that HE WOULD? Why Would HE love us??

[Job 7:17 ESV] 17 What is man, that you make so much of him, and that you set your heart on him,

[Psa 8:4 ESV] 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

[Psa 144:3 ESV] 3 O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him?

[Heb 2:6 ESV] 6 It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?"

It's a Miraculous conundrum that HE COULD!!

How can God/Spirit become Flesh? Jesus wept, God cries?

How could the Creator become His creation?

How could the Author of Life, Die?

How could the Impassible God Suffer?

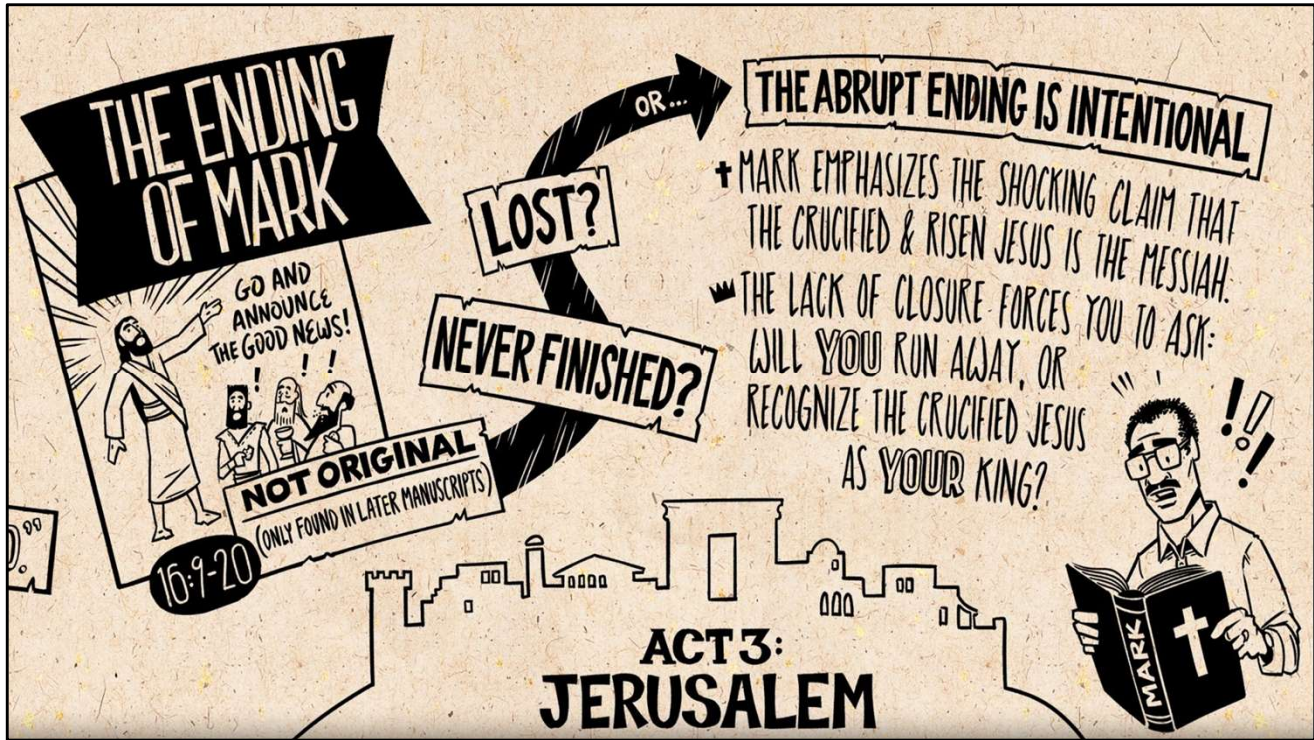
How could He who is Holy, be tempted, yet without sin?

How could He who is Omniscient, Learn?

How could He who is Omnipresent be a 7 pound baby?

**How could He who is Omnipotent "need" a mother to wipe His bottom? Be hungry?
Be tired? ...**

That HE would show His uncontested Power in such a humble and counterintuitive way! Jesus won by dying a the hands of evil men!



We didn't expect such an abbreviated gospel or an Abrupt ending!!

Wed. we will talk about the biggest problem in the book of Mark!

Snake Handling?

Inspiration of scripture

No one takes it (my life) from me

- John 10:15 – “just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”
- John 10:17-18 – “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Hos 11:1, 7 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ... 7 My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.

Hos 11:4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love...

Hos 11:7 ESV] 7 **My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.**

[Jhn 18:5-6 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When **Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.**

[Jhn 19:11 ESV] 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

[Mat 26:53-56 ESV] 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. 56 But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

[Jhn 2:19, 21 ESV] 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ...

21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

[Act 2:24, 32 ESV] 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ... 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

[Act 3:15 ESV] 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

[Tit 2:14 ESV] 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

[Heb 2:9, 14-15 ESV] 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ... 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

[Psa 118:27 ESV] 27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!



What was the reaction of the soldiers when for the 1st time in History someone LAID down their life and embraced the cross!!!

Sin enslaves. Jesus sets free!

- John 8:34 – Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin”
- Romans 7:14 – “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin...wretched man I am!”
- John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Boundless Love!! He who was in bonds did so to set us free!

Love Won!!!

[Exo 1:13 ESV] 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves

[Exo 2:23-24 ESV] 23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

[Exo 3:7 ESV] 7 Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

Exo 10:3 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.

[Rom 7:14, 24 ESV] 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, **but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ... 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

[Rom 7:15, 18, 25 ESV] 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ... 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus

Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

[Jhn 8:31-34, 36, 46, 58 ESV] 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ... 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ... 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ... 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

[Jhn 8:34 ESV] 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

[Act 8:23 ESV] 23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

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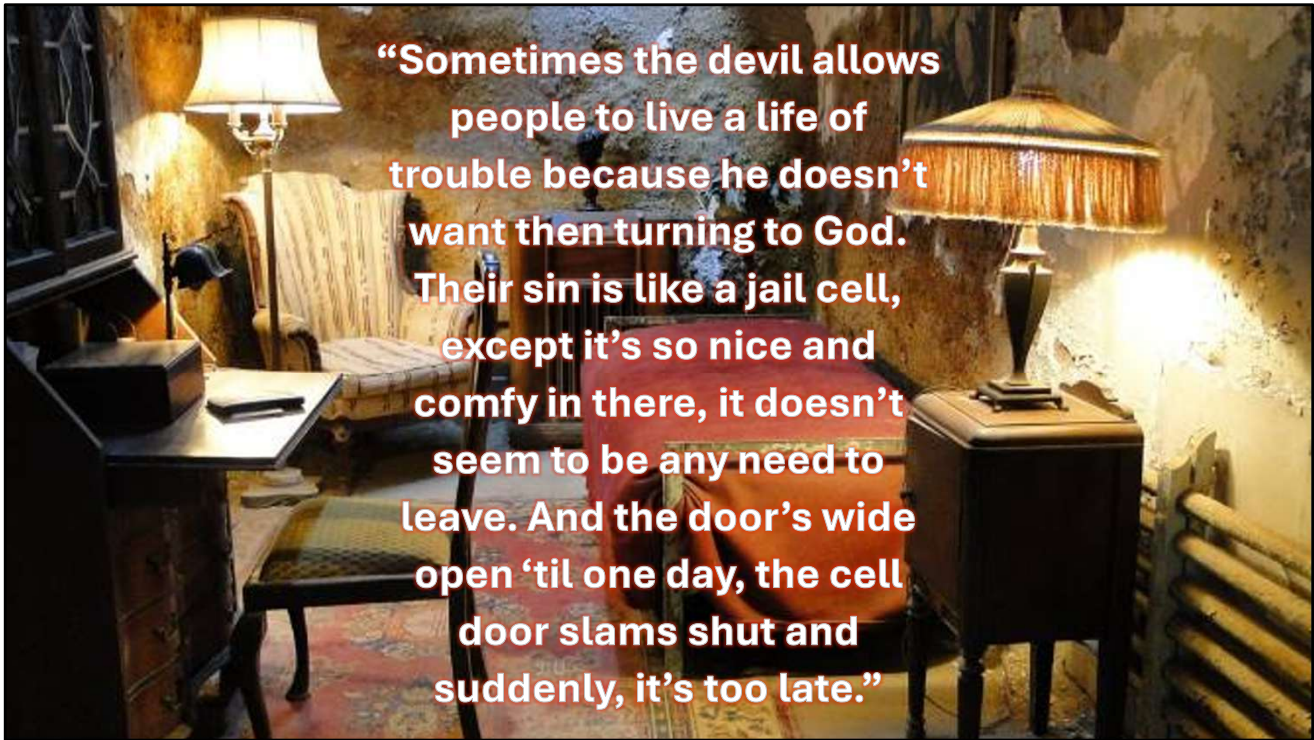
[Rom 6:6, 12, 16, 19-20 ESV] 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ... 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ... 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ... 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

[Rom 7:14, 25 ESV] 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ... 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

[Rom 8:21 ESV] 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

[2Pe 2:19 ESV] 19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

[1Jo 3:8-10 ESV] 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.



“Sometimes the devil allows people to live a life of trouble because he doesn’t want then turning to God. Their sin is like a jail cell, except it’s so nice and comfy in there, it doesn’t seem to be any need to leave. And the door’s wide open ‘til one day, the cell door slams shut and suddenly, it’s too late.”


Sin is like a comfortable jail cell

Al Capone in Eastern state Penitentiary

<https://secretphiladelphia.co/eastern-state-penitentiary-worlds-most-famous-abandoned-building/>

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As Disciples fled/denied He was saving more!

- Pilates Wife?! And Maybe Pilate too!
 - Simon of Cyrene...father of Alexander and Rufus
 - The centurion... “Truly this man was the Son of God!”
 - Joseph of Arimathea, a Rich man, A Pharisee
 - Nicodemus! (John 3, 7:50-52, 19:39)
 - Mary Magdalene, Salome...Mary mother of James
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We Didn't expect that even as all the disciples had given up on Christ, More were being made disciples!

Love defeated hate!

Pilates wife! Matthew (27:19) the [Claudia](#) mentioned by [Paul](#) in [Second Timothy](#) (2 Timothy 4:21) might have been Pilate's wife. Saint Procla by Eastern Orthodox churches

Malchus?

[Jhn 18:10, 26 ESV] 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ... 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Simon of Cyrene...a passerby? father of Alexander and **Rufus**

[**Mar 15:21** ESV] 21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

[Rom 16:13 ESV] 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me

as well.

[Mar 10:26-27 ESV] 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

[Mat 27:57 ESV] 57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.

[Mar 15:43 ESV] **43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.**

[Luk 23:50-51 ESV] 50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God.

[Jhn 19:38-42 ESV] 38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was **a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus**, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. 39 **Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.** 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

PONTIUS PILATE

INNOCENT.
3 TIMES.



Pilate's perplexing predicament

- Pilate was Surprised and Pilate was amazed.
- Pilate, a vicious man sought to release Jesus!
- Mark 15:10 – he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.
- Pilate declared Jesus innocent 3x!
- Pilate then executed Jesus???!!!



We didn't expect the most famous , yet most Unjust trial ever in history would bring our Saviors death!

We didn't expect a 3rd party, would declare Jesus innocent at least 3 times and Still Execute him???!!!

We didn't expect the Pilates predicament is also actually ours!!

Pilate was surprised because this Hurried, Sudden case was rushed through the night and thrust upon him!

Pilate was often at odds with the Jewish leaders! Politics makes strange bedfellow's comes for this story of Jesus!

Jesus was tried 6x! 2 times brought to Pilate, due to the impending Passover feast!!

Pilate was warned by his wife in a dream!

Pilate saw Jesus confidently confess He is the Truth and the King of the Jews YET Not defend himself [Jhn 18:38](#)

Pilate said Jesus was innocent of death at least 3x! Luke 23:4, Jn.18:38, Lk.23:14-15, Lk.23;22, Jn.19:4, 6

Pilate tried to release Jesus, by a customary pardon/Barabbas, and even after offering to release Jesus too! [Mar 15:12 ESV] 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" "Crucify him."

Pilate washed his hands symbolically expressing his frustration over this unjust travesty of justice

Pilate was a vicious violent man [Luk 13:1](#)

Philo of Alexandria: Writing in the National Geographic archives, the contemporary philosopher Philo described Pilate's administration as defined by "corruption, acts of insolence, rapine, habit of insulting people, cruelty, and continuous executions of people untried and uncondemned." He noted that Pilate possessed an "inflexible, stubborn, and cruel disposition."

Flavius Josephus: The famous Jewish historian detailed multiple instances where Pilate intentionally provoked riots and turned to mass violence. Josephus reports that Pilate once sent disguised Roman soldiers into a crowded Jewish protest to beat and murder citizens with concealed clubs. According to Wikipedia's entry on Pontius Pilate, his political career finally ended around 36 CE when he was stripped of power and recalled to Rome after ordering his cavalry to brutally massacre a defenseless gathering of Samaritans.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH JESUS?

1 Jesus is standing in Pilate's hall--
Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all;
Hearken! what meaneth the sudden call!
What will you do with Jesus?

Chorus:
What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be;
Someday your heart will be asking,
"What will He do with me?"

2 Jesus is standing on trial still,
You can be false to Him if you will,
You can be faithful thro' good or ill:
What will you do with Jesus? (Chorus)

3 Will you evade Him as Pilate tried?

Or will you choose Him, whate'er betide?

Vainly you struggle from Him to hide:

What will you do with Jesus? (Chorus)

4 Will you, like Peter, your Lord deny?

Or will you scorn from His foes to fly,

Daring for Jesus to live or die?

What will you do with Jesus? (Chorus)

5 "Jesus, I give Thee my heart today!

Jesus, I'll follow Thee all the way,

Gladly obeying Thee!" will you say:

"This I will do with Jesus!" (Chorus)

[Luk 23:4 ESV] 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

[Jhn 18:38 ESV] 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

[Luk 23:4 ESV] 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

[Luk 23:14-15 ESV] 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him."

Luk 23:3 And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ...

[Luk 23:22 ESV] 22 A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."

[Jhn 19:4, 6 ESV] 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ... 6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."



We MUST Chose!

Sin or the Savior!

Barabbas – son of the Father or Jesus – Son of God

An Insurrectionist or the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe. Mark 15:7, Rebel;, Murderer, Robber . A True Rebel without a Cause!

Juxtaposition of our choice!

A humble miracle worker, lover of the disenfranchised, harmless as a sheep, Lover of sinners vs. A Man who tried to sue force to overthrow the Romans!

[Jhn 3:19 ESV] 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness rather than the light** because their works were evil.

[Jhn 7:7 ESV] 7 The world cannot hate you, but **it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.**

[Jhn 15:18-19, 24-25 ESV] 18 "**If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ... 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled:**

'They hated me without a cause.'

[Rom 8:7 ESV] 7 For the mind that is set on **the flesh is hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

[2Ti 3:4 ESV] 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**,

[Mat 27:16, 20 ESV] 16 And they had then **a notorious prisoner called Barabbas**. ... 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

[Mar 15:7, 11 ESV] 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ... 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

[Jhn 18:40 ESV] 40 They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Mark 16 When the ~~Sun~~ Son had risen!

- An Empty Tomb – and filled hearts!!
- See the place...go and Tell!!!
- Mark 16:15 – And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”
- How can we Know Jesus and NOT tell others?



LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING...

IF I STOOD BEFORE
DEATH
ITSELF—
AND **CONQUERED** IT...

IF I FACED THE
DEVIL—
AND **OVERCAME** HIM...

IF I WAS CRUCIFIED—
AND YET **ROSE**
AGAIN...

THEN
WHO AM
I?

Patrick Heyligen



"I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE."
The one who believes in Me
will live, even though they die."
JOHN 11:25

"THE RULER OF THIS WORLD IS
COMING. HE HAS NO HOLD
OVER ME."
JOHN 14:30

"I WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD,
I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE—
AND I HOLD THE KEYS OF
DEATH AND HADES."
REVELATION 1:18

MY FRIEND...
YOU WILL DIE ONE DAY.
THAT IS NOT A QUESTION.
BUT **WHERE WILL YOU GO AFTER?**
IF DEATH COULD NOT HOLD ME...
WHY WOULD YOU TRUST ANYONE ELSE WITH YOUR SOUL?

"WHAT DOES IT PROFIT A MAN,
TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD,
YET LOSE HIS SOUL?"
MARK 8:36

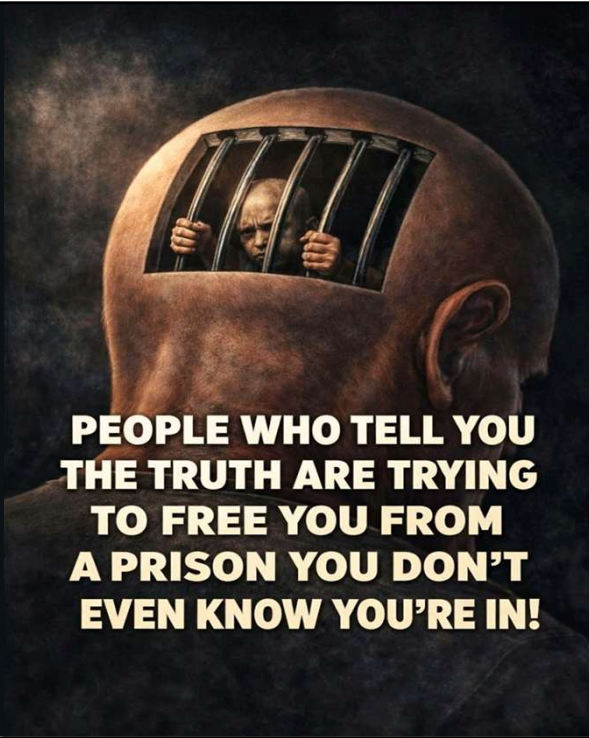
"UNLESS YOU BELIEVE THAT
I AM, YOU WILL DIE IN
YOUR SINS."
JOHN 8:24

THIS IS NOT RELIGION. THIS IS NOT TRADITION.

THIS IS LIFE OR DEATH.

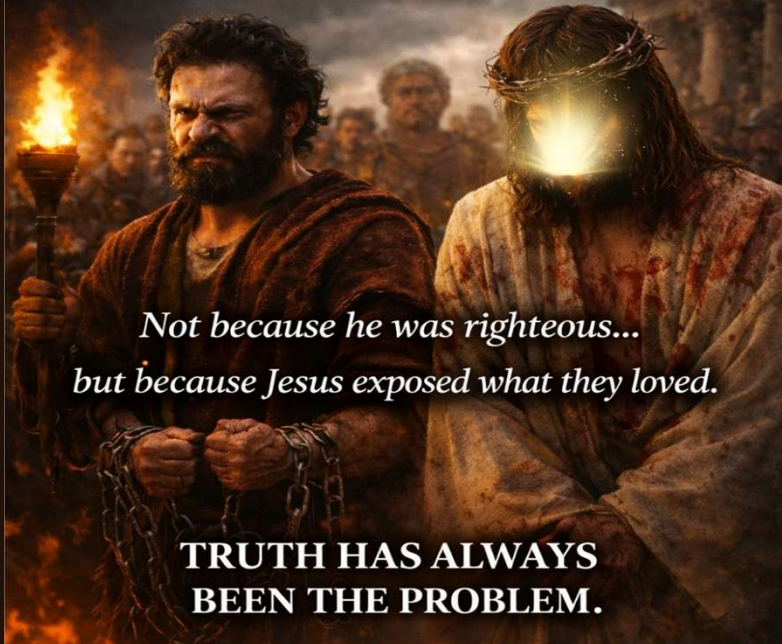
SO I ASK YOU AGAIN:
IF I DEFEATED DEATH... IF I HOLD THE KEYS OF ETERNITY...
WHY ARE YOU STILL LOOKING SOMEWHERE ELSE?
JESUS IS LORD. †





**PEOPLE WHO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH ARE TRYING
TO FREE YOU FROM
A PRISON YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW YOU'RE IN!**

THE CROWD DEMANDED BARABBAS.



*Not because he was righteous...
but because Jesus exposed what they loved.*

**TRUTH HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THE PROBLEM.**

SIMON OF CYRENE

THE MAN FORCED TO CARRY THE CROSS AFTER JESUS



**"...ON HIM
THEY LAID
THE CROSS,
THAT HE
MIGHT BEAR IT
AFTER JESUS."
LUKE 23:26**

COMPELLED

Simon did not volunteer. Roman soldiers seized him out of the crowd and forced him to bear the cross.

FROM CYRENE

Cyrene was in North Africa, in the region of modern Libya. Simon likely came to Jerusalem for Passover.

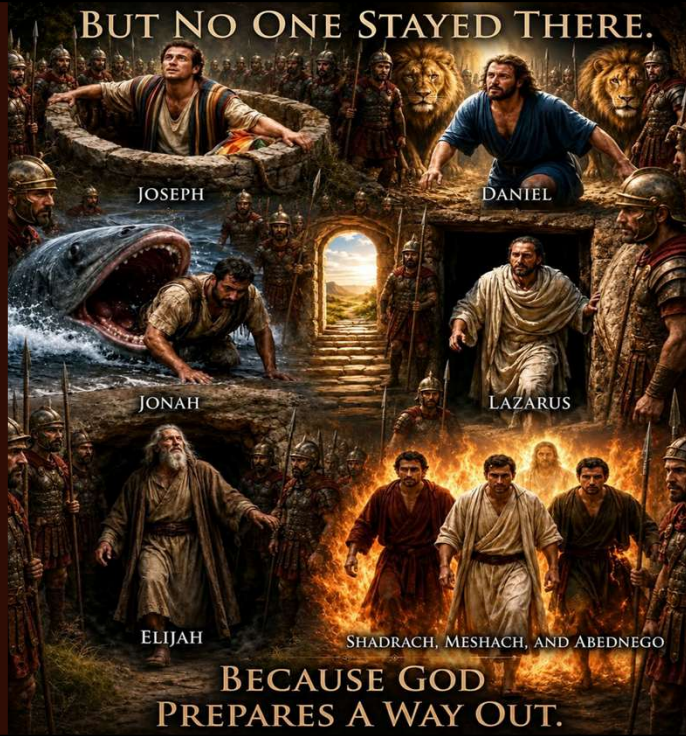
A LIVING PICTURE

He carried the cross behind Christ, becoming a living picture of discipleship, suffering, and following Jesus.

HE CAME FOR PASSOVER...
AND ENDED UP CARRYING THE CROSS
OF THE TRUE **PASSOVER LAMB.**

#MOREJOYMINISTRIES

BUT NO ONE STAYED THERE.



JOSEPH

DANIEL

JONAH

LAZARUS

ELIJAH

SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO

BECAUSE GOD
PREPARES A WAY OUT.

Jesus and Barabbas **Similar but Very Different**

Jesus, The Son of the Father
(John 10:36)

**Barabbas, the son of his
father** (Bar = son; Abbas = father)

**Jesus, Innocent but
condemned** (2 Corinthians 5:21)

**Barabbas, Guilty but not
condemned** (Mark 15:7)

**Jesus did the will of His
Father, God** (John 6:38)

**Barabbas did the will of his
father, Satan** (John 8:44)

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