



## Week 7 - Barabbas

### RECAP FROM LAST WEEK:

Were you able to complete last week's application steps?

- How were you able to rest in God's control over your life this week?
- Who did you share the story of how Jesus' controlled his execution with this week?

### CONTENT:

Read John 18:39-John 19:15.

What was Jesus on trial for?

LEADER'S NOTE: For claiming to be the Son of God. See verse 19:7.

After reading the passage, how would you describe Barabbas?

LEADER'S NOTE: Barabbas means son of Abba or of a father. He was a notorious robber whom Pilate proposed to condemn to death instead of Jesus, whom he wished to release, in accordance with the Roman custom ( [John 18:40](#) ; [Mark 15:7](#) ; [Luke 23:19](#) ). But the Jews were so bent on the death of Jesus that they demanded that Barabbas should be pardoned ( [Matthew 27:16-26](#) ; [Acts 3:14](#) ). This Pilate did.

In the eyes of the world, what would be considered major sins and what would be considered lesser ones?

Read James 2:9-11.

According to this passage, does it matter before God what sin you commit? Does this way of thinking challenge the way you have thought of sin or different types of sinners? If so explain.

**LEADER'S NOTE:** We know that not all sin is judged the same in a temporary sense, take the Old Testament Law. God gives different degrees of punishment based on the command that has been broken. However, in an eternal sense "The wages of sin is death..." Rom 6:23a thus before the throne of God all sin big or small deserves hell and judgment.

Does this then put us in the same category as Barabbas?  
How do you feel about that?

Barabbas was guilty and awaiting his execution and Jesus died in his place. Is that justice? If not, how would you describe the fact that a guilty man was set free on account of another?

Does this remind you of your own story? How does the story of Barabbas help you understand what Jesus has done for you?

### **APPLICATION:**

Take time this week to meditate on and thank Jesus for taking your place on the cross.

### **PRAYER:**

Oh God, thank you for intentionally dying on the cross for our sins and allowing us to be reconciled back to you. Thank you for your amazing grace and taking our place on the cross. Give us more faith to share your divine plan of love and sacrifice with others. In Jesus name, amen.