

Barabbas

I. MARK 15:6-15

6 Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

- II. Barabbas was the man released instead of Jesus at Passover
 - A. The church historian Origin said his real name was Jesus Barabbas
 - B. The early Armenian Version of Matthew 27:17 “Whom will you, that I shall deliver unto you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus that is called the Christ”
 - C. His description in Scripture
 - 1. Matthew 27:16 – Barabbas is called the “notorious prisoner”
 - 2. Luke 23:19 – He was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the insurrection against Roman forces
 - 3. John 18:40 – He was a bandit
 - 4. Barabbas – part of the Sicarios (carry long daggers)
 - D. Josephus tells of 2 decisions of Pilate recently at the time of Passover
 - 1. He brought Caesar’s face on insignia into Jerusalem
 - 2. New water system for Jerusalem – 200 furlong away, paid by temple money
- III. Freeing of Barabbas
 - A. During trial Procula (Pilate wife) told him not to touch Jesus – a Jewish convert
- IV. Book About Barabbas – Par Lagerkvist of Sweden based on a movie about his life
 - A. Follow Jesus to Calvary – then got drunk
 - B. Stay in Jerusalem – saw empty tomb of the Resurrection
 - C. Talk to Lazarus about being raised from the dead
 - D. Talked to Peter
 - E. Saw a woman stoned – stabbed someone went to desert to get away from Romans
 - F. Joined the Zealots – caught by Romans – sent to mines
 - G. Chained to a man called Sadak

- H. Engraved on his disk – Jesus Christ on the back of saying on disk he belongs to Rome. First Sadak then Barabbas
- I. Question by governor of mind – Barabbas deny Christ
- J. Sadak was crucified for his confession of Christ
- K. The governor of mines – retired to Rome and took Barabbas to Rome
- L. As a house slave Barabbas allowed to go to market where he heard them mention Jesus
- M. Told the Christians met in Catacomb – goes to see
- N. Returning to Rome – it has been set on fire by Christians – he helps fire keep going and is captured by Romans
- O. Thrown in jail with many Christian – asked to be martyred with them on a cross
- V. Jesus gave his life for Barabbas - Barabbas gave his life for Jesus

Luke 6:40 “The disciple is not above his master, but everyone that is perfect shall be as his master.”