

BARABBAS AND ME

Mark 15:6-15

I. Compare Barabbas and _____

A. **T** _____ v7

Barabbas: Violent establishment of an earthly kingdom

Jesus: Peaceful establishment of heavenly, eternal, spiritual kingdom

B. **R** _____ John 18:40

Barabbas: Taker

Jesus: Giver

C. **M** _____ : v7

Barabbas: Took life

Jesus: Gave life (Lazarus + others)

II. Compare Barabbas and _____

A. **T** _____

Barabbas: cast off Rome's authority to have his own way

Me: I cast off God's authority to have my own way

B. **R** _____

Barabbas: Taker

Me: Taker; even rob God of His glory

C. **M** _____

Barabbas: literally

Me: in my heart (Matt 5:21-22)

III. Compare **what happened** to Barabbas and Jesus

A. Barabbas hopelessly condemned

Jesus had been approved by God (Mk 1:11; 9:7)

B. Jesus or Barabbas?

The world will always choose Barabbas!

C. Substitution: Jesus takes Barabbas' place!

Jesus bound – Barabbas freed

Jesus cursed – Barabbas blessed

Jesus killed – Barabbas lives

The “son of a father” released because THE Son of THE Father condemned!

IV. Compare the **implications** for Barabbas and **you**

A. You need Someone to take your place of judgment or you are hopeless

B. There was nothing **personal** or **permanent** in Barabbas' deliverance

1. Not permanent

Temporary delay of death

His biggest problem still unsolved

2. Not personal

Purely circumstantial that Barabbas was released

But Jesus had you in mind from eternity, to die for you (Eph 1:4-8)

Only those who have a personal **relationship** with Jesus are delivered by Him

Do you?