**Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate**

Understanding God’s plan to redeem the guilty by condemning the innocent.

**Text**: **Mark 15:1-15**, “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. **2**And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” **3**And the chief priests accused him of many things. **4**And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” **5**But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

**6**Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. **7**And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. **8**And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. **9**And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” **10**For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. **11**But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. **12**And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” **13**And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” **14**And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” **15**So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-5**

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**Point #2**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.6-11**

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**Point #3**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.12-15**

 **Corollary Verses**: Isaiah 53:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; John 6:38-39; Mark 14:36; Luke 5:8; Isaiah 6:5;

Romans 3:20; Joshua 24:15; Matthew 4:19 and 1 Kings 18:21.

**Application Questions**
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Isaiah 42:2, 53:7-10**; **Matthew 27:11-14**; and **Luke 23:9** then answer the following questions. Why was it absolutely imperative for Jesus to remain silent? What is the significance of Christ’s silence in these passages? Now read **1 Peter 2:23**, how does Peter’s insight enhance your understanding of Christ’s refusal to defend Himself or retaliate?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**; **John 6:38-39**; and **Mark 14:36** then answer the following questions. According to Paul, how did Christ purchase your life? How does the idea of ownership work? How is ownership related to Christ’s Kingship? Why is it necessary for us to submit ourselves to God’s will (this is not legalism)? Did Jesus always find it easy in His humanity to submit to the Father? Are you encouraged/comforted by Christ’s human reaction in Mark 14:36?
3. Read **Psalm 19:7**; **Luke 5:8**; **John 1:1**; **Isaiah 6:5**; and **Romans 3:20** then answer the following questions. Apart from the Holy Spirit, how does God reveal sin to His creatures? Since Jesus is the living incarnate Word of God, why did people respond in horror to his physical presence? What were they horrified over? What is the role of the Law (Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:3-17) in sharing the gospel and how can you use it? Explain and give an example.
4. Read **Joshua 24:15**; **Matthew 4:19** and **1 Kings 18:21** then answer the following questions. Do these passages call for the reader to have a sense of urgency in making a decision? If so, why is it so important? How did the apostles respond to Christ’s call to follow Him? What dangers exist when you delay making a decision to follow Christ? Write them all down.