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Worship Service
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Journey to the Cross

Lesson Six • Mark 15:6-15

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Barabbas shows us how Jesus is our SUBSTITUTE on the cross.

Barabbas the Criminal

- His name: Barabbas was an Aramaic name that means “SON of a father” and some early manuscripts render his name as “Jesus Barabbas” (v. 6-7).
- His crime: Barabbas was CONVICTED of insurrection and murder (v. 7).
- His location: Barabbas was IMPRISONED at the fortress of Antonia, the “holding place” for all prisoners in Jerusalem (v. 8-14).
- His substitution: Barabbas was SET FREE because Jesus died in his place on his cross (v. 15).

Three Truths from the Man Who Missed His Cross

1. By God’s JUSTICE, We Get What We Deserve!

None is righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

2. By God’s MERCY, We Don’t Get What We Deserve!

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

3. By God’s GRACE, We Get What We Don’t Deserve!

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

What Are You Getting?

Without Jesus, we get what we deserve: eternal DEATH.

With Jesus, we get what we don’t deserve: eternal LIFE.

If You Want Eternal Life

Then believe and receive JESUS CHRIST as your substitute who died in your place on the cross.

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”
“Jesus, John 5:24*