

GRACE IS GREATER

"3 Powerful Pictures of Grace"

Luke 23:13-21, 32-43

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All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.

"See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV-1984)

3 People in need of Grace

- 1) Each one had committed a <u>crime</u> (sin)
- 2) Each one was facing crucifixion on a <u>cross</u>
- 3) Each one had a chance & a choice

Barabbas

His character: son of the <u>father</u> 1st name: <u>Jesus</u> **His crime:** murderer, thief, insurrectionist, notorious

His choice: He was released by grace

The crowd's choice: Crucify Jesus, give us Barabbas **His conclusion:** Jesus took His <u>place</u> & he was set <u>free</u>

A thief who rejected grace

His character: a criminal

His crime: a thief

His choice: He rejected grace

His conclusion: He chose <u>death</u> - himself

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A thief who responded & received grace

His character: a criminal

His crime: a thief

His conclusion: He <u>received</u> grace upon grace

His choice: He chose life - Jesus

Matthew 20:1-16

Our Response

1) Who can you identify with out of these 3 people and why?

- 2) Read the parable from Matthew 20:1-16. How does this relate to the thief on the cross? How does it make you feel about your sin and our Savior?
- 3) Did Jesus love each of the these men the same? Explain. Were they each offered the same choice? Explain.
- 4) Why do you think one thief chose to reject grace and one chose to receive it? Why is choice one of the greatest parts of God's love?
- 5) What choice or decision do you need to make about God's amazing grace today in your life? Share that.