

Barabbas
Matthew 27:11-26

I. Jesus Before Pilate (Matthew 27:11-14; Isaiah 53:7)

II. Pilate's Reluctance (Matthew 27:15-19; Mark 15:7; Luke 23:19; John 18:40)

III. The People's Choice (Matthew 27:20-23)

IV. Pilate Yields (Matthew 27:24-26; Romans 9-11; Acts 2:22-40)

V. Bringing It Home

Questions to Ponder

- 1) How does Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost address the guilt of those who rejected Jesus and call for repentance and belief in Him? What does it say to my guilt?
- 2) What is the Gospel's promise for those who put their faith in Jesus?
- 3) Do I believe that "from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny"?
- 4) We don't know what Barabbas did with his freedom; what have I done with my freedom in Christ? In what ways do I need to rethink my daily life?