

## Barabbas: The First Christian

Mat 27:15 Now at the [Passover] feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.

Mat 27:16 And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

[Bar<sub>Hbw</sub> = son of, Abba<sub>Hbw</sub> = the father] [Jesus claimed to be the Son of the Father]

Mar 15:7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.

Luk 23:19 a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

Mat 27:17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

Mat 27:18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

Mat 27:19 Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment [Bema] seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." [Crowns]

Mat 27:20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

Mat 27:21 The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

Mat 27:22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

Mat 27:23 And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Mat 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Mat 27:25 And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

**Mat 23:34** Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

[Genea<sub>Grk</sub> = the Church age up to and including the Book of Revelation]

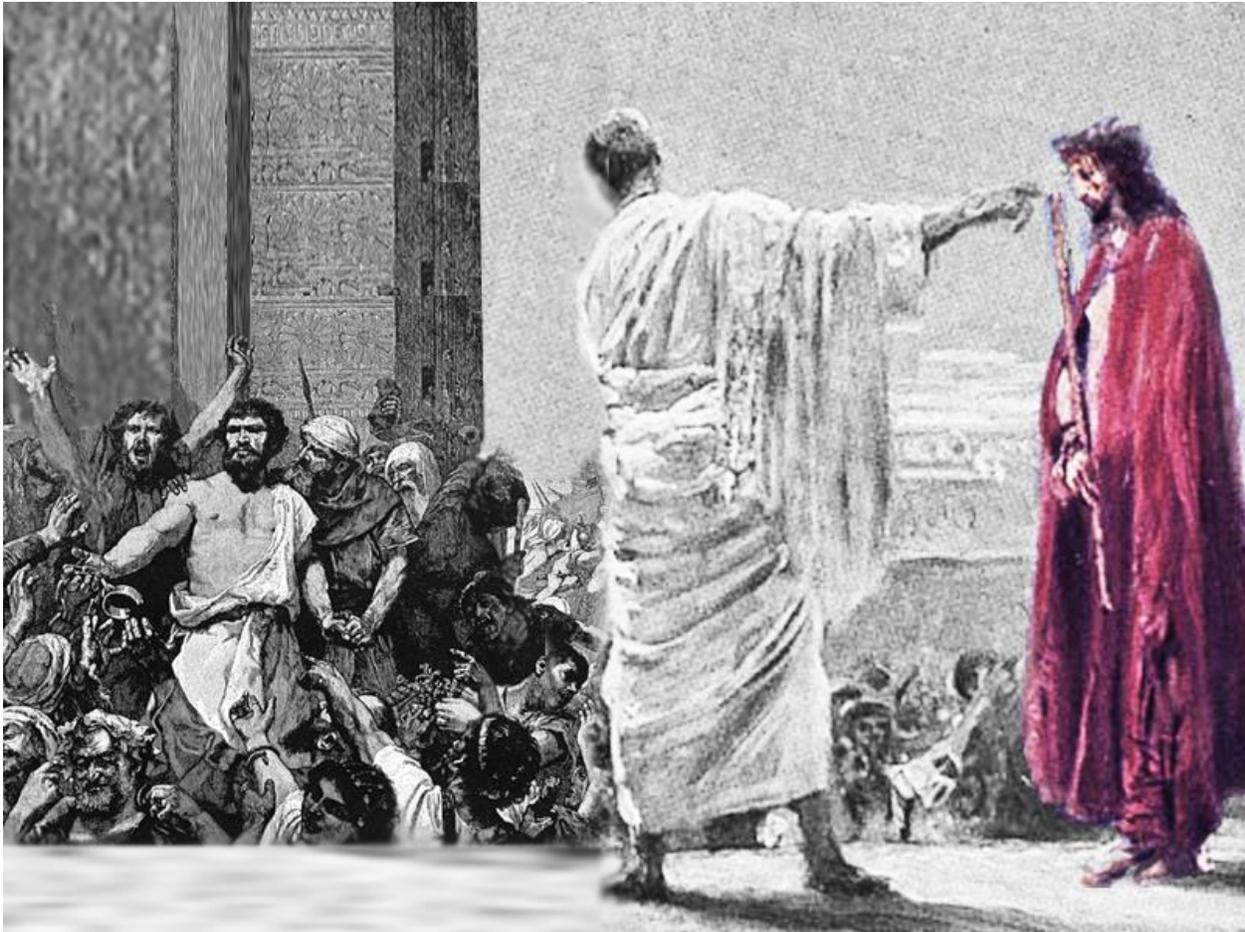
Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! [Psa 91:1>]

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Rev 18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city [a slander of Jerusalem – Rev11:8] be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;

Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."



Barabbas, a tried and convicted murderer and leader of sedition, watched in amazement as his sins were transmuted to an innocent, sinless Jesus.

Jesus took his conviction and sentence without protest, knowing full well that it meant he would suffer and die in place of Barabbas. **We are Barabbas.**

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" [Daddy!]

Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,