

Barabbas

Matthew 27:11-26

- Barabbas represented the world/the flesh, and the people in the world that have walked away from God. When God was leading the children of Israel, He provided all they needed and wanted; but, when they saw the other nations with a king, they wanted to be like them.
- Pilate washed his hands and turned Jesus over to be crucified. The guards went to the prison to get Barabbas, one who deserved to die. What might Barabbas have been thinking, hearing the guards coming, knowing his time of execution was at hand, and hearing the guards say, "Barabbas, you are free—someone took your place." *We all are Barabbas.*
- A just and holy man took the place of a thief and a murderer. What a picture of divine grace! We all deserve to die, but Jesus cleansed from all our sins through His death and resurrection.

Isaiah 53:4-9; Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29, 42

- Jesus Himself was the Passover lamb, preparing to be sacrificed.
- Jesus took bread and broke it, knowing His body would soon be broken in the same way. He took wine and offered it, knowing His blood would soon be shed the same way. He instructed us to do this in remembrance of Him.
- Jesus went to Gethsemane to rid Himself of His earthly will and submit to the will of the Father.

John 19:14-18, 28-30

- Let us remember the last steps and words of Jesus. This is the foundation of who we are as believers.

Hebrews 9:15-22; Romans 5:6-11

- The new covenant was finished in blood—signed, with the blood of Jesus, foreshadowed by Moses.

As we close out our time of Lenten consecration, focus and meditate on these Scriptures, remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for you.