

Daniel Perrin – Lesson 12: Tried and Crucified – Sunday September 15: “Are You the King of the Jews?”

1. The Gospels are the story of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection with unusually long introductions
 - a. From the details of the 4 Gospels, we have a full picture of what Jesus experienced.
 - b. From all 4, we know that Jesus faced
 - ...SIX interrogations in less than EIGHT hours
 - Mark tells only two (the night trial with the Jewish Council – and Pilate) and references a third (the early morning trial before the Council)
 - ...TEN times He will hear people call for His death – declaring their hatred of Him
 - ...FOUR unrestrained beatings
 - Two at the hands of religious leaders
 - One by permission of Herod.
 - A final beating for the fun of the Roman soldiers, including the crown of thorns
 - ...TWO public scourgings – while He goes into shock
 - ...PLUS the abuse He suffered as He is dragged in the hands of sinful men from COURT to COURT
 - ...All with ZERO witnesses in His defense – no support from even His closest friends.

Text: **Mark 15:1-15** – *Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.* ² Then Pilate asked Him, “Are You the **King of the Jews?**” He answered and said to him, “It is as you say.” ³ And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. ⁴ Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!” ⁵ But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

1. Phrase “King of the Jews” used 5x in Mark 15
 - a. Here’s the Irony: Jesus IS the King of the Jews (OF ALL PEOPLE)
 - b. In Samuel’s day, the people of Israel clamored for a king and rejected God as their King
 - God used their rejection of Him to establish a Kingship that pointed to Jesus
 - **Isaiah 11:1** –
 - Jesus fulfilled what Isaiah and other prophets had predicted, but they rejected Him, because He was not the kind of king they were expecting.
 - c. Fulfilling prophecy before their eyes, but refusing completely to see it
 - WHILE they are exercising their role as the DEFENDERS of God’s Kingdom
 - **John 1:11** – *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*
 - NOW, He is brought face to face with a representative of those who were “NOT His Own”
2. An Innocent King accused as a criminal being Questioned by a Guilty Criminal dressed as a king
 - a. Jesus could in a moment unveil Pilate for the imposter he is
 - He is honorable, even to Him.
 - b. Jesus holds Pilate’s life in His hands — BUT He places His life in Pilate’s hands
3. Pilate had seen many men grovel for their lives
 - a. Jesus is motivated NOT by the all-encompassing desire to SAVE His life ...
 - ... but the ABSOLUTE willingness to LAY His life down.
 - Not in a “foolish” manner by condemning Himself

- b. Pilate had NEVER seen THIS before, and He certainly didn't know what to do with it.
- c. He did not DEFEND HIMSELF – This is a lesson for us
 - **Isaiah 53:7** – *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.*
 - **1 Peter 2:23** – *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*
 - **Isaiah 50:6-7** – *I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. ⁷ “For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.*

⁶ Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. ⁷ And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. ⁸ Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. ⁹ But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the **King of the Jews**?” ¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. ¹² Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the **King of the Jews**?” ¹³ So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!” ¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

4. All 4 Gospels mention Barabbas – his name means “son of a Father” (he represents me ... and you)

- a. Jesus INNOCENT (Pilate even recognizes it) / Barabbas GUILTY (Pilate recognizes this too)
- b. Jesus THE RIGHTFUL KING / Barabbas The REBEL
- c. Jesus came to BREAK THE CHAINS (set captives free) / Barabbas is CHAINED WITH CRIMINALS
- d. Jesus GIVES LIFE / Barabbas the MURDERER
- e. Jesus the one WE **NEED** MOST / Barabbas the ONE THE RELIGIOUS CROWD **WANTS**
- f. Jesus the only begotten Son of the Father / Barabbas, whose name means “Son of a Father”
- g. **1 Peter 3:18** – *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God....*

5. Barabbas is on the wrong side of the equation in every way

- a. Jesus is traded as if He is a currency
- b. How often have I traded Jesus for what I don't really need?

Revelation 19:16 – *And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*