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Discussion Questions

Week of: March 22, 2026 // Sermon Text: Luke 23:1-25

Sermon Overview

Jesus, the guiltless, was condemned so that the guilty could go free.

Ice Breaker

What is an example of something that *seems* unjust in our world?

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 23:1-25

1. Pilate *knew* Jesus was innocent, and yet chose his job over justice. **How might we respond when faced with situations like Pilate's?**
2. **How does it affect you to hear that you are "guilty"? Why is it hard to apply this idea to ourselves?**
3. "Under all our sins is the fundamental sin of not keeping God always first." **How can you grow in this as a believer?**
4. Barabbas going free is a picture of what God has accomplished for us in the guiltless Christ being condemned while we are set free. **Listen to the song "I Am Barabbas" by Josiah Queen, and discuss how it impacts you:**
<https://open.spotify.com/track/3GPaQ3dloevmilym0a1V3O?si=2ed9d78d19d945c1>

5. Have different people read the following passages: 1 Peter 3:18, Colossians 2:21-22, Revelation 1:5b. **How are we like Barabbas?**¹

6. Christianity isn't fundamentally about doing better for yourself, but receiving what Christ has done for you. **How and why can we receive what Christ has done *without* making that a "work" which we have to do?**
 - a. Sermon applications: Trust, Praise, and Follow him

7. **How can we communicate the goodness of receiving what Christ has done to people who tend to view Christianity as works-based (non-Christians, legalists, etc.) without going too far in the other direction?**

8. **How could we grow in viewing ourselves not by what we've accomplished, but by what Christ has accomplished?**

Prayer

¹ Luke 12-24: *The Kingdom is Opened* by Mike McKinley, 45.