

# Scripture this week:

## Mark 15:1-15

<sup>1</sup> And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

## Standing with Barabbas

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As Jesus nears the cross, Mark wants us to see that there is nothing easy about this journey for Him. But Jesus takes this path no one else could travel, because He loves us.

- **Jesus was treated most unjustly.**
- **Jesus went alone.**
- **Jesus went willingly.**
- **Jesus went purposefully.**
- **Jesus went in the place of Barabbas and us.**
- **Jesus went to save us.**

## *Life Group Questions:*

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## **Notes:**

1. Looking at the text, what is the picture that Mark is painting for us of Pilate? Of the Jewish leaders? Of the crowd? And, of Jesus?
2. In the first fourteen chapters of Mark's gospel, the crowd has loved Jesus. What has changed? Who is left on Jesus' side?
3. If we look at our three categories of major players – the religious leaders, the disciples, and the crowd - is there anyone in that cast of characters who has not had a hand in Jesus' death?
4. Why is it significant that no one is left to support Jesus?
5. What does it do for our hearts that Jesus knowingly, willingly endured the cross for us – while we were still His enemies?
6. As we live to follow Jesus, do we expect opposition? Are we shocked by it? Are we prepared for it?