

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Jesus and Barabbas

Scripture: **Luke 23:18–25**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 26, 2020

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## OVERVIEW

Typically, we do not like to see the “bad guy” get off the hook, but in many ways that is exactly what happens for us through Christ’s death on the cross. We are the “bad guys”—guilty before our holy God for the sins we commit against Him—but **Jesus was condemned to set the guilty free**. We have salvation through His atoning substitution and His full satisfaction of justice, or propitiation.

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

Mark 15:6-7; Matthew 27:16; Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 3:23-26, 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Leviticus 16 & 17; Isaiah 53:4-6, 10; Romans 5:6-8; 1 Peter 2:24-25

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did this week’s message convict you? How did it encourage you?
2. Why does it anger us to see the guilty escape punishment and, on the other hand, the innocent condemned?
3. Why do you think some are offended by the idea of Jesus setting guilty people free? Do you ever feel this, whether thinking about your own sins or the sins of others?
4. Why is it crucial that Christ’s death was first and foremost substitutionary? What other “atonement theories” have you heard? In other words, what other reasons have you heard others (professing believers or non-believers) give for the main purpose of Jesus’ death? Is there any truth to these? In what way(s) do these other reasons for Christ’s death ultimately fall short?
5. Read Romans 3:23–26. How are God’s holiness and justice not compromised in His saving of sinners?
6. What is one of your takeaways from this message?