

It was very early in the morning. The chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they tied Jesus up and led him away. Then they handed him over to Pilate.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

The chief priests brought many charges against him.

So Pilate asked him again, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they charge you with.”

But Jesus still did not reply. Pilate was amazed.

It was the usual practice at the Passover Feast to let one prisoner go free. The people could choose the one they wanted.

A man named Barabbas was in prison. He was there with some other people who had fought against the country’s rulers. They had committed murder while they were fighting against the rulers.

The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

“Do you want me to let the king of the Jews go free?” asked Pilate.

He knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him because they wanted to get their own way.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd. So the crowd asked Pilate to let Barabbas go free instead.

<https://bible.com/bible/110/mrk.15.1-11.NIRV>

In today's passage, Jesus is sentenced to be crucified. Barabbas is released.

Discuss with your children, how just as Jesus allowed for Barabbas' release, His death on the cross provides for our salvation. Review John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIRV

<https://bible.com/bible/110/jhn.3.16.NIRV>

God loves each and everyone of us. His desire is for us to be in relationship with Him. To start this relationship, it is as simple as ABC....First, we must Admit that we are sinners - Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory.

Romans 3:23 NIRV

<https://bible.com/bible/110/rom.3.23.NIRV>

Secondly, we must Believe that Jesus is God's Son and His death on the cross paid for our sins - But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 NIRV

<https://bible.com/bible/110/rom.5.8.NIRV>. Lastly, we must Confess that Jesus is the Son of God and Commit your life to Him - Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say what you believe. And so you are saved.

Romans 10:10 NIRV

<https://bible.com/bible/110/rom.10.9-10.NIRV>

This is the way to new life in Christ. He becomes our BFF. He will lead and guide us throughout our life as we trust in Him.