**Why, what evil has He done?**

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**Matthew 27: 15-26 N.K.J.V.**

**Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.” But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said, “Barabbas!” Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.” And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.”**

**Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.**

[**Jeremiah 17: 9 N.K.J.V.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fssPmwOhRf0)

**“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”**

**Mark 15:1-15 C.J.B.**

[**As soon as it was morning, the head cohanim *(priest)* held a council meeting with the elders, the Torah-teachers and the whole Sanhedrin. Then they put Yeshua *(Jesus)* in chains, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate put this question to him: “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “The words are yours.” The head cohanim too made accusations against him, and Pilate again inquired of him, “Aren’t you going to answer? Look how many charges they are making against you!” But Yeshua made no further response, to Pilate’s amazement.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fssPmwOhRf0) **Now during a festival, Pilate used to set free one prisoner, whomever the crowd requested. There was in prison among the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection a man called Bar-Abba.**

**Mark 15:1-15 C.J.B. Continued**

**When the crowd came up and began asking Pilate to do for them what he usually did, he asked them, “Do you want me to set free for you the ‘King of the Jews’?” For it was evident to him that it was out of jealousy that the head cohanim had handed him over. But the head cohanim stirred up the crowd to have him release Bar-Abba *(Barabbas)* for them instead. Pilate again said to them, “Then what should I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Put him to death on the stake!” He asked, “Why? What crime has he committed?” But they only shouted louder, “Put him to death on the stake!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the mob, set Bar-Abba free for them; but he had Yeshua whipped and then handed him over to be executed on the stake.**

***(verse 15 from N.K.J.V.* “So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.”)**

[**Leviticus 16:7-10**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fssPmwOhRf0)

**“He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.“**

**2 Corinthians 5:15**

**‘and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.’**