

BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY - MATT 27:20-22, 26

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”...Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

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EXPLANATION

Barabbas had been part of a rebellion against the Roman government, so it was ironic that Barabbas, who was released, was guilty of the very crime Jesus was accused of.

QUOTE OF THE DAY - BARABBAS MONOLOGUE

I walked away from the punishment that I totally deserved, and yet this man who stood before me, took my cross up. They say His name was Jesus, that He came to die so that people like me could live... I don't know exactly who He was, but I do know this. This was my cross and He took my place. So all I can do now is climb this hill and say thank you, thank you. I was supposed to have died on this cross, but instead I found new life.

REFLECTION & CHALLENGE

Just like Barabbas, we all have been set free from our sins through Jesus taking our place before God's judgement. Jesus has taken our place just as He did for Barabbas.

- Think carefully and write down some of the ways you have gone against God's best for you (sinned) over this season of Lent and try to write down the things you have thought, said and done that were wrong.
- Say sorry to Jesus and turn away.
- Thank Jesus for taking on your sin and walk forward in His freedom.