

## The Man Who Missed His Cross

### Barabbas the Criminal (Mark 15:6-15):

- *His Name:* Barabbas was an Aramaic name that means “SON of a father” and some early manuscripts render his name as “Jesus Barabbas.”
- *His Crime:* Barabbas was arrested and convicted of insurrection and MURDER.
- *His Location:* Barabbas was IMPRISONED at the fortress of Antonia, the “holding place” for all prisoners in Jerusalem.
- *His Substitution:* Barabbas was SET FREE because Jesus Christ died in his place on his cross.

### Three Truths from the Man Who Missed His Cross:

## 1. By God’s JUSTICE, We Get What We Deserve!

*There is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10*

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

## 2. By God’s MERCY, We Don’t Get What We Deserve!

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” ~Jesus, John 3:16-17*

*But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5*

## 3. By God’s GRACE, We Get What We Don’t Deserve!

*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1John 4:10*

*...Be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Corinthians 5:20-21*

*Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 1Peter 2:24*

### What Are You Getting?

*Without Jesus, we get what we deserve—eternal DEATH!*

*With Jesus, we get what we don’t deserve—eternal LIFE!*

### If You Want Eternal Life...

Then by faith, believe and receive JESUS CHRIST as your personal substitute!

*Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12*

*“I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” ~Jesus, John 5:24*

### A Prayer to Receive Jesus Christ and Eternal Life:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness for my sins. I believe that You died for my sins and rose again. I want to turn from my sins and receive the gift of eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and make me a person who pleases You. I want to trust You as my Savior and follow You as the new Leader in my life. In Your name, Amen.