

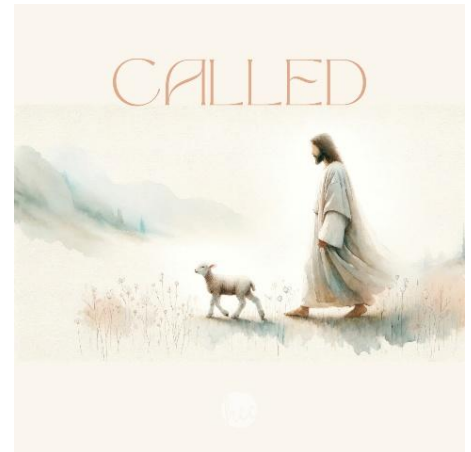
Life Group Study Notes

Date: 30th August 2026

Sermon: I am Barabbas.

Speaker: Brigitte Crowe

Scriptures: Read Mark 15:1-20



Scripture Questions:

1. Mark 15. Have you ever had a time when someone has willingly taken the blame, paid a fine, or finished a difficult task for you when you were the person responsible? How did it make you feel?
2. Barabbas was undeniably guilty and facing execution, yet he was completely set free while an innocent man took his cross. How does Barabbas serve as a physical example for you and me before God?
3. V5, "But Jesus still made no reply" What does this teach us about when to speak up and when to hold our peace during personal conflict or unfair treatment? James 1:19. Proverbs 17:27
4. V9. Pilate knowing "it was out of envy that they handed Jesus over to him". V15. "What crime has he committed". What personal life changing decisions was Pilate making at that point? V15.
5. V13. The crowd chose a violent rebel over a peaceful Savior. When we choose to live by our own rules or give in to anger and selfishness, how are we "choosing Barabbas" over Jesus?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Dwell on the amazing truth that Jesus, who lived a completely sinless life, took on the guilt and legal penalty of human sin. In return, believers are credited with the righteousness of God. How confident are you to willingly share this truth with others?

Personal Questions:

- Barabbas walked away from the prison a free man, knowing someone else died the death he deserved. If you have chosen to let Jesus, take your place on the cross, how should that reality change the way you live, talk, and treat others?
- Spend some time in silent prayer. Identify one area of your life where you are still carrying guilt or trying to pay for your own mistakes and consciously hand it over to Jesus.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we are amazed by Your humility and grace. Like Barabbas, we are guilty of rebelling against You, yet You willingly took our chains, our scourging, and our cross. Thank You for being our substitute, to take our place and die the death we deserve. Help us to reject the pressure of the crowd and boldly choose You every single day. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may bear witness to the truth that You are indeed a wonderful Saviour, for God "made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteous of God" In your wonderful name Jesus. Amen.