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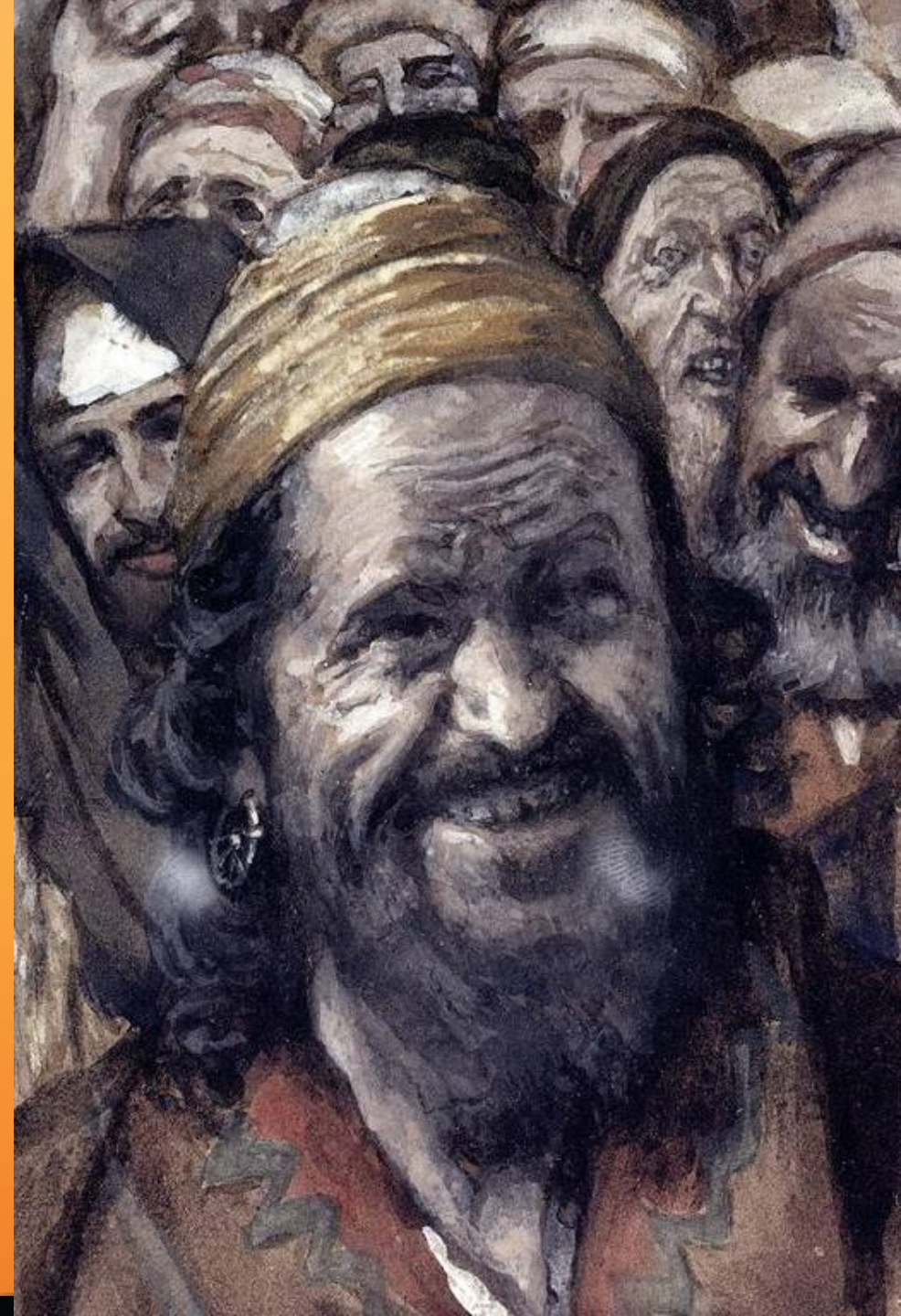
“Pilate’s People Pleasing”

MATTHEW 27:15-26



- In each of the four Gospels: Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:16-25; John 18:39-40)
- Name - “bar” meaning “son of” and “rabbas” is a derivative of “rabbi.” His name simply means “son of the rabbi” or “son of the father.” Some suggest his name was Jesus.
- A notorious prisoner, murderous, rebellious, thief (Mark 15:7)

Who Was Barabbas?



KEY POINT:

What you fear will show what you are in bondage to.



¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, ...

Luke 23:13-16



... for he sent him back to us.

Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.

¹⁶ I will therefore punish and release him'

Luke 23:13-16



I. Custom (vs. 15-18)



*And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do
as he usually did for them.*

Mark 15:8



*But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him
release for them Barabbas instead.*

Mark 15:11



I. Custom (vs. 15-18)

II. Caution (vs. 19)



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III. Choice (vs. 20-21)



“There is no explaining how a mob chooses its heroes. No doubt many of the Jews admired Barabbas for his cunning and courage, and they rejoiced that he was fighting Rome. Had they honestly compared...

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“...and contrasted the two ‘candidates,’ the people would have had to vote for Jesus Christ. But when a mob is manipulated by crafty leaders, in an atmosphere of patriotic fervor, it loses itself and starts to think with its feelings...

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“...instead of its brains.
Their condemning vote said
nothing about the Son of God,
but it said a great deal
about them.”

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I. Custom (vs. 15-18)

II. Caution (vs. 19)

III. Choice (vs. 20-21)

IV. Cry (vs. 22-25)



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Galatians 3:13



a. They were persuaded (vs. 20).

b. They claimed (vs. 22).

c. They shouted (vs. 23).

d. They screamed (v. 25).

The Mob Hysteria



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“Not only does the people-pleaser love the wrong thing (the approval of man rather than the approval of God), he fears the wrong thing as well—he fears the disapproval of man more than the disapproval of God...

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“...Fear is a powerful emotion. It has power for good as well as for evil. The right kind of fear (the fear of God, for example, or the fear of sin and its consequences) keeps us from danger. The wrong kind of fear leads...

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“...us into danger...
It’s bad enough to inordinarily
long for the approval of others.
It’s much worse when such
longings transcend one’s
longing for God.”

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*The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.*

Proverbs 29:25



I. Custom (vs. 15-18)

II. Caution (vs. 19)

III. Choice (vs. 20-21)

IV. Cry (vs. 22-25)

V. Chastisement (vs. 26)





Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

II Corinthians 11:24



Forty stripes may be given him, but not more, lest, if one should go on to beat him with more stripes than these, your brother be degraded in your sight.

Deuteronomy 25:3



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*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world
and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return
for his soul?*

Matthew 16:26



1. Address the heart.

Three Antidotes to Pleasing People



1. Address the heart.
2. Fish for men, not compliments.

Three Antidotes to Pleasing People



1. Address the heart.
2. Fish for men, not compliments.
3. Check your motivations.

Three Antidotes to Pleasing People



4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness...

I Thessalonians 2:4-7



*⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people,
whether from you or from others,
though we could have made demands as apostles of
Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you,
like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.*

I Thessalonians 2:4-7



“How many of your biblical responsibilities are you neglecting as a result of being preoccupied with man’s approval? By shifting your attention from pleasing men to obeying God, you just might find yourself worrying less...

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“... about your status among them and rejoicing more in the pleasure you are bringing to Him.”

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*Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.*

Colossians 3:2

