



Jesus The Righteous King – Part 2

Luke 23



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The Key Passage: Luke 23:13-26 (NIV)

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.” ^[17] [\[a\]](#) ¹⁸ But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”



The Key Passage: Luke 23:13-26 (NIV) cont.

¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹ But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” ²² For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.” ²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.



The Key Passage: Luke 23:13-26 (NIV) cont.



²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

²⁶ As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Summary



- The crowd demanded that Barabbas, a murderer and insurrectionist be released to them
- The crowd wanted Jesus, innocent of the charges claimed against him to be crucified
- Pilate tried to satisfy the crowd – saying he'd punish Jesus first and then release him
- The crowd insisted all the more that Jesus be crucified
- Pilate gave in to the pressure from the crowd releasing Barabbas and handing Jesus over to be crucified.

Notes for Consideration



- Jesus willingly gave up his life (John 10: 17-18)
- ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”
- Nevertheless, this account of a crowd wanting a murderer and insurrectionist to be released to them and a leader capitulating to their demands to condemn an innocent man, compels us to revisit once again: What kind of leaders do we have, what kind of leaders will we support and will we be?



Simon from Cyrene



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²⁶ As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Cyrene is in Northern Africa



NOTES:

Simon likely came to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple during Passover.

Believers from Cyrene were among those in Jerusalem who heard the apostle Peter's message in their own language at Pentecost.

After Stephen was stoned to death, believers from Cyrene were among those who travelled to Antioch and told Gentiles about the good news of Jesus Christ.



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Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus



The reference to Simon as the father of Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21) suggest that these sons were well known by the early church.

A reminder to us that a key place for discipleship to occur is within our families



Roman soldiers forced the condemned to carry the crossbeam to the place of crucifixion. The upright post was often fixed in the ground ahead of time.



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Carrying the Cross



Jesus also carried his cross (John 19:17). But apparently wasn't physically capable of carrying it all the way to the place of execution. Mark gives us some clues as to why:

- Jesus was flogged (Mark 15:15)
- Jesus was repeatedly struck on the head with a staff (Mark 15:19)



Flogging



A Roman flagrum was a whip used in flogging. It had leather thongs with pieces of metal or bone tied in that were design to rip apart flesh. It was a brutal form of torture. It was so severe that the loss of blood or going into shock from flogging could result in death. The Jews limited flogging to 39 lashes. The Romans had no such restriction.



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By His Wounds we've been Healed



- Encouragement to receive Spiritual Healing and pray for Physical, Emotional, Mental Healing and Trust God with the results.
- Not as a Litmus Test for our Faith
- Not in a Name-it-Claim-it fashion
- Rather by Partnering with God in the Healing He wants to bring about

1 Peter 2:24

- 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”



The Account of Simon the Cyrene reminds us what Jesus said about carrying our cross



Mark 8:34-35

- ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Luke 9:23

- Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their **cross daily** and follow me.



The Call of Jesus



- Daily commitment
- Take up our cross
- Surrender our lives for Jesus
- Surrender our lives for the Gospel
- Deny ourselves
- Follow Jesus