



Worth an Exchange

MATTHEW 27:15-26

DO YOU HEAR
WHAT I HEAR?

I. A customary exchange presented a great _____.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. vv. 15-18

Assess WHY you want WHAT you want.

II. An opportunity to exchange was accompanied by _____.

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." vv. 20-21

Assess WHO wants you to want WHAT you want.

III. The choice to exchange had individual _____.

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. vv. 24-26

Assess WHAT you'll get if you get WHAT you want.

DO YOU HEAR
WHAT I HEAR?

Exchange the _____ things
for the _____ things.

1. Have you ever received a gift that you exchanged for something else? How do you usually decide if it's worth the trouble of exchanging a gift?

2. Read Matthew 27:15-26. How did Pilate attempt to evade responsibility for the condemnation of Jesus? Why did he want to avoid it? Was he successful or not?

3. In what ways are you like Barabbas? In what ways are you like the crowd in this scene? How does this realization help you better understand who God is?

4. In what types of situations do you prefer to choose the "Barabbas option" of what you want at the time instead of choosing what you need?

5. How did you answer the WHY, WHO and WHAT questions on the sermon notes under each of the three main points? Why is it important to understand our motivations behind wanting the wrong things?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 27:31

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

JOURNAL:

Matthew 27:15-26

"You never hear Jesus say in Pilate's judgment hall one word that would let you imagine that He was sorry that He had undertaken so costly a sacrifice for us. When His hands are pierced, when He is parched with fever, His tongue dried up like a shard of pottery, when His whole body is dissolved into the dust of death, you never hear a groan or a shriek that looks like Jesus is going back on His commitment."

CHARLES SPURGEON

JOURNAL Matthew 27:15-26

As we come to the conclusion of our year-long series in the Gospel of Matthew next week, take this time to look back through your journal and note what things you would most like to retain or focus on during the holiday season and beyond. How will you do that?



For those who would like to continue journaling during our Book of Acts pulpit series in 2023, the **ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal: Acts** can be found at major book retailers and online.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

MAKE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WITH CHRIST CHAPEL We are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas Eve service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! On Saturday, Dec. 24 we'll be hosting both contemporary and traditional services across all three campuses. Come be a part in person or through our online broadcast, and bring your friends, family and neighbors, too! When you leave the service today, make sure to get a few inviter cards at the Christmas station and visit www.ccbcfamily.org/christmas to get your Reservation Reminders.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS This year, we're coming home with you for Christmas! After celebrating together as a church family on Christmas Eve, we will not be meeting for in-person services that Sunday. Because of that, we have created a unique worship experience with musical renditions of your favorite holiday songs and moments from our campus pastors for you to enjoy wherever you are on Christmas day! As a gift from us to you, a contemporary and traditional experience will be available for you to receive and share. To get your gift on Christmas Day, text GIFT to 24253. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

PARENTS, MSM WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN Happening the weekend of Feb. 17-19, Winter Camp is a weekend retreat at Sky Ranch for middle schoolers focused on biblical integrity. Our goal is to help your middle schooler find their identity in Christ rather than in relationships and to honor Him with their whole life. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/wintercamp to learn more and register your student.

RE|ENGAGE YOUR MARRIAGE Re|Engage offers hope to marriages by helping couples move toward oneness through stories of grace, teaching and small groups. Whether you would rate your marriage as a two or 10, there is hope for your marriage to be renewed and strengthened in Christ. Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. Register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage.

AVENEW From dating and engaged couples to newly married, AVENEW is where you will receive a biblical framework of marriage and learn more about walking out God's design and purpose for you in marriage. Sundays, starting Jan. 8, from 5 to 6 p.m. Register and learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew.

LET'S SERVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON Christ Chapel, we are blown away at the way you have continued to step up and reach out to share the love of Jesus in the metroplex! This holiday season, there's going to be more opportunities to reach out and we would love for you to take part. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/christmas to learn more.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCONLINE to 833-422-7200 to get started.