

# **BARABBAS**

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## **5. "I'M THIRSTY!"**

## **6. "IT IS FINISHED!"**

'Tetelestai' = "paid in full" on bills of sale, receipts

Not "I am finished" but "It is finished"

Work of salvation finished, completed, done!

***FIELDS ON FIRE, burn one place, then go in it for safety***

## **7. "FATHER, HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT"**

"Father" - relationship restored, sin gone, not abandoned

Voluntarily died because work on earth is done

BODY: into tomb 3 days to prove death conquered

SOUL - SPIRIT: right to heaven

## **SIGNS IN NATURE**

**Darkness Lifted**

**Curtain Torn** 3 PM: Passover lamb & Jesus died, veil torn

**Earth Shaken** Nature reacting to great significance of event

**Tombs Open** Jews resurrected (NOT resuscitated)

"Firstfruits" of what would come later

## **MANY BELIEVE**

Soldier "righteous man, Son of God"

Simon of Cyrene

Criminal friend on cross

Many in crowd

Priests who saw temple veil torn

Me - Barabbas!

I WAS THERE on Golgotha - April 3, 33 AD

It changed my life completely

**You were there - did it change yours?**

## ***READ Gal 2:20 ; Rom 6:6***

HELLO! My name is Barabbas  
NOT Barnabas, friend of Paul

BAR = son of ABBA = father/daddy  
well-known RABBI

JESUS first name (common - Joshua) “ Deliverer”

JESUS BAR-ABBA (Jesus son of Father)

- PHYSICAL deliverance from Rome

JESUS BAR-JOSEPH (Jesus son of Joseph)

-SPIRITUAL deliverance from Sin

## **CRIME**

murder in riots and rebellion against Rome  
leader in SICARII (“dagger-bearers”) today: Terrorists

HEARD OF JESUS from Simon Zealot – love & peace!

I NEVER MET JESUS – not in prison (NO PRISONS)

I was deserving of death - Apr 3, 33 AD

## **BACKGROUND**

### **TEARFUL ENTRY**

Lamb selection day

Offer kingdom, rejected

**FINAL WEEK**, final chance, Jeru 10x size

Sparing with religious rulers

Nation decided, still up to individuals

### **LAST SUPPER**

Passover lamb, substitute

Body and blood = replace matzo & juice

Unity (3 matzos)

Lamb: chosen, killed, body, blood, eaten

**TALK** – Upper room

Way to Gethsemane (vine branches, coming HS, insula)

Pray for all

## **GETHSEMANE**

Pray 3 times – remove cup

Arrested – didn't have to be

Not come to Gethsemane in first place

Walked away while disciples slept

Allowed all pinned to ground and left

Followed Peter's lead and freed self in riot

Called angels to deliver Him

## **TRIALS**

3 religious

3 political (Pilate, Herod, Pilate) Flogging, - crown

**PETER DENIALS**, brokenness

## **PASSOVER RELEASE**

Prisoner release (Maccabeans, Jews from Egypt)

Pilate; "Here's my out!" - legally release Jesus

People coming to see, not controlled by rel rulers

Pilate: "Who shall I release?" Crowd: "**Barabbas**"

Pilate: "What about Jesus?" Crowd: "**Crucify! Crucify!**"

Drug out of holding cell (to be flogged) – into street!

SUBSTITUTE on cross for me (Took hatred out on Jesus)

Curious, didn't care about him, loyal to friends, MY cross

## **TO GOLGOTHA**

Pilate beg for release, not work

Pilate flog so have sympathy (worse than death, soldiers hate)

CARRYING CROSS MY cross 200 lb, curse Dt 21:23

SIMON OF CYRENE, black, sons pastors in Rome

## **EXECUTION AT GOLGOTHA**

Golgotha = skull (appearance of hill) smell, feel of death

Some mercy shown: NARCOTIC (gall or myrrh) - rejected

Nailed naked to cross

**Cross - Nerve centers, tetanus, gangrene, cramps**  
**Joints separate, lungs burn, ASPHYXIAE**  
**Pull up on nails to breathe**  
**Dizzy, thirst, fever, shame, pain, etc.**

If God, why this? If love, how? If Jesus God, why???  
Later, though, I ran into soldier who guarded me in prison  
LONGINUS - NCO in charge of detail (German)

### **1. "FORGIVE THEM"**

Romans, gods of revenge; Jew God eye for eye

NOT: Father, judge them

BUT: forgive! (kept saying it over & over)

Only the injured person is in the position to initiate forgiveness

-giving up right to revenge, pay back

-willing to absorb cost/hurt himself

**Thumb tip, red hanky to white sin forgiven**

no forgiveness in me, weakness, take hatred out on innocent

Made me wonder if I could be forgiven, too!

What a difference that would make!

### **2. "WITH ME TODAY IN PARADISE"**

Crowd nasty - shouts, profane & obscene gestures

Soldiers even worse than people, tempting with water

Thieves (comrades of mine) joined in

CHANGE in one, hardened old fighter

Asked to remember Him at end of time when set up kdg

Jesus "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

FORGIVENESS FREELY GIVEN TO CRIMINAL

### **3. "WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON"**

Take care of each other – my mother?

## **DARKNESS**

NOON - DARK - evil felt in darkness, ruled & reigned  
Satan and his forces of darkness were giving Jesus all they had  
Privacy, loneliness

I was told later that Jesus was TAKING OUR HELL at that time

### **4. "MY GOD, ..., WHY FORSAKEN ME?"**

***Eloi Eloi, lama sabachthani*** (Psalm 22)

Screamed! Over and over! - "God" - not "Father"

surprised at how awful sin & judgment was!

felt every sin & eternal J ever, start with Eve, on thru me & you

First time felt sin, guilt, separation (me used to it

DEAD spiritually these 3 hours (death = separation)

Jesus died spiritually for my sins (not phy)

**BEE FLY around son, father grabbed it, too**