

Sons of the Father: Barabbas and Jesus
Primary Text: Matthew 27:11ff

Why Did People Crucify Jesus Christ, The Lord?

1. **Pilate: The Fear of Man**
 - a. Are You King of the Jews? (**Matt 27:11-14**)
 - b. My Kingdom is Otherworldly (**John 18:36-37**)
 - c. Jesus was Silent before His Shearers (**Matt 27:11-14**)
 - d. Pilate Defended Jesus (**Matt 27:22-23**)
 - e. Custom to Release One Prisoner (**Matt 27:15**)
 - f. Pilate Claimed No Responsibility for Jesus' Crucifixion (**Matt 27:24-26**)
 - g. No King But Caesar (**Jn 19:15b; Mk 15:15**)
2. **The Crowd: Ignorance of Christ**
 - a. Peter's Sermon (**Acts 3:14-15, 17-18**)
 - b. John's Declaration (**John 1:9-11**)
 - c. The Mob was Irrational & Manipulated (**Luke 23:23-25**)
 - d. Religious Leaders Incited the Crowd Against Jesus (**Matt 27:20**)
 - e. Ignorance does not Excuse the Crime
3. **The Religious Leaders: Envious of Christ**
 - a. Pilate Knew Why Jesus was Handed Over to Him (**Matt 27:15-18**)
 - b. Power, Influence, Authority, Glory – Jesus was a Threat
 - c. Blessed People are Always a Target from the Enemy
4. **The People: Hatred and Rejection of God**
 - a. Barabbas Accepted, Jesus Rejected
 - b. Guilty: Barabbas is a Robber, Insurrection, Murderer
 - c. Innocent: Jesus Gives, Obeys God, Author of Life
 - d. Their Names: Jesus Barabbas (Jesus, Son of the Father) versus Jesus, the Son of God the Father

- e. Hatred Led the People to Reject Christ
- f. Not about Christ Jesus' Goodness – the People Did Not Want Jesus
- g. A Rebel in Exchange for the Man of Peace
- h. Rejecting Jesus means Accepting the Opposite (**Luke 23:25; Matt 12:30**)
- i. Barabbas was Released (**Matt 27:26**)
 - i. Release: Same Word used for Redemption by Paul
 - ii. **Colossians 1:13-14**

5. **Jesus: His Choice**

- a. Jesus Chose to Endure Suffering and Death on the Cross
- b. Jesus Chose to do His Father's Will (**John 10:17-18**)

6. **The Father: His Plan**

- a. *Intent before Creation: God would display His Grace and Mercy and Glory in the Death of His Son for Sinners*
- b. Jesus went to the Cross by the Design of God
- c. Judas, Pilate, the Sanhedrin, & the Mob – Did Everything by the Will of God (**Acts 4:27-28**)
- d. God Raised Jesus from the Dead (**Rom 10:9-10**)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (**John 3:16-17 ESV**)