

Christ the King
Mark 15:1-15

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- How do you feel when you are falsely accused of something? How do you normally respond in those situations?
- Read *Mark 15:1-15*. Who are the characters in this scene? What are their roles, backgrounds, and agendas?
- What is Pilate really asking Jesus (15:2)? How does this compare to Jesus' interrogation before the Jewish leaders (14:60-62)?
- What does Jesus communicate in his response to Pilate? What leaves Pilate amazed?
- How do you compare and contrast Jesus and Barabbas? How are they both similar and different?
- What factors lead the crowd to choose Barabbas over Jesus? If you were Barabbas, what might you think and feel upon being released instead of Jesus?
- How does this illustrate what Jesus does through his crucifixion? How is this personal for you?
- With whom do you most identify in this story? In what ways?
- What do you hear the Lord saying to you through this text? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *How do you feel when someone accuses you of something you didn't do?* Read *Mark 15:1-15*. Ask: *How do the different leaders treat Jesus? What choice does the Roman governor, Pilate, give the crowd? What do they decide? Why does Jesus let this happen? If you could send a message to anyone in this story, what would you say? What do we learn about Jesus from this story?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.