



JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED INNOCENTLY

Read Matthew 27:15-26 where Pilate asks the crowd whether he should release Jesus Christ or Barabbas.

In the Bible we read about a crucial moment before Jesus was crucified. Pilate gave the people a choice. They could release Jesus, or they could release Barabbas. Barabbas was a criminal. But the crowd did something shocking. They shouted: "Release Barabbas! Crucify Jesus!"

Barabbas was guilty, but he was released.
Jesus was innocent, but He was crucified.

This story shows us something important. We are all sinners and deserve punishment. But Jesus came to take our place.

Just as Barabbas was released,
we are also set free.
Jesus bore our punishment.

What does it mean?

Jesus took my place. Therefore,
I am forgiven!

What do you remember from the story?

Complete the sentences with these words: sin, Barabbas, criminal, Jesus, innocent.

1. Pilate gave a choice between _____ and _____.
2. Barabbas was a _____.
3. Jesus was _____.
4. Jesus our _____ on Himself.

Talk about this:

1. Why was it wrong for the crowd to have Jesus crucified?
2. What does it mean that Jesus took our place?