

# CRUCIFIED AND RISEN



# REPLACING BARABBAS

**"Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?'"**  
(Matthew 27:17)

**JESUS BARABBAS**

**Political leader**

**He wanted to set the people free from Rome**

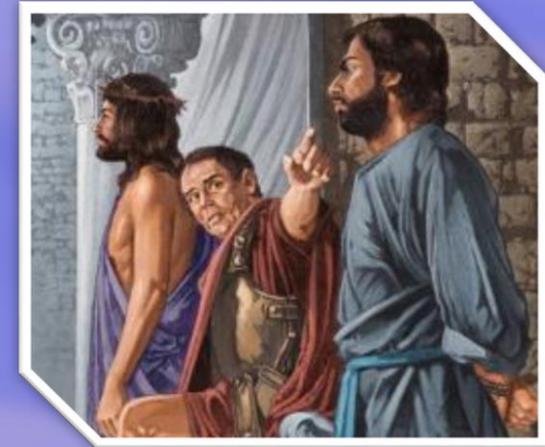
**He promised earthly glory**

**JESUS THE CHRIST**

**Spiritual leader**

**He set the people free from sin**

**He offers everlasting glory**



Jesus carried the cross that was prepared for Barabbas. Barabbas represented the world whose offenses Jesus died for.

This is a choice we all must make; Jesus or the world.



# OUR REPLACEMENT

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'" (Matthew 27:46)

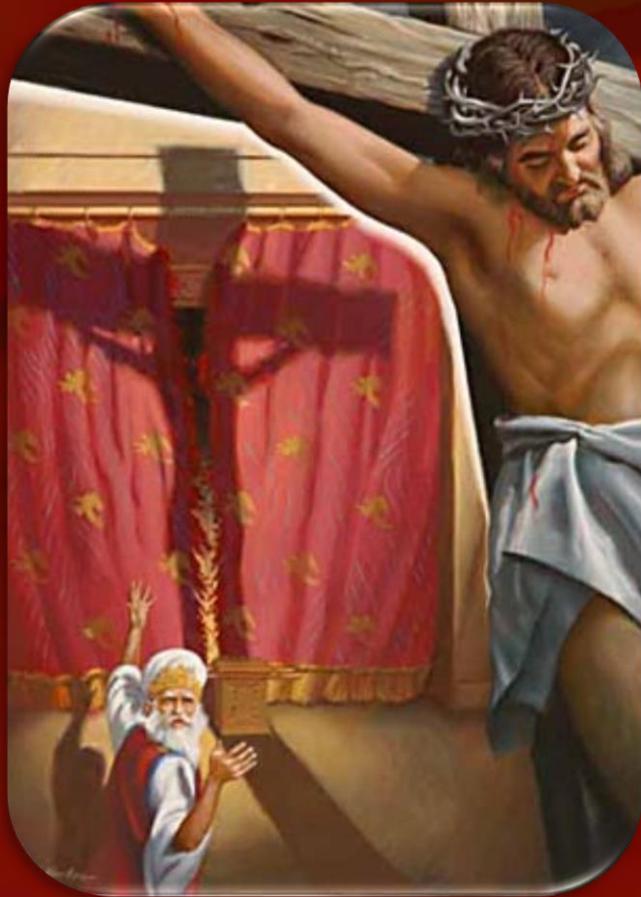
**Jesus showed the terrible separation from the Father that sin brings by quoting Psalm 22:1.**

**Only God could take our sins upon himself and suffer the eternal death—the eternal separation from the Father—in our place. He is our replacement; He is the guarantor of eternal life.**

**Despite Jesus' tremendous anguish, His faith didn't fail. He was faithful to the end, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." (Luke 23:46).**



# THE REPLACEMENT IN THE SANCTUARY



“Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.” (Matthew 27:51-52)

When Jesus died, two significant events took place:

1. The veil of the Most Holy Place was torn.

- ❑ The event that the services in the sanctuary foretold was fulfilled. No more blood from animal sacrifices was needed because the blood of the Lamb of God had been spilled.

2. The tombs were opened and some people were risen (after Jesus was [v. 53]).

- ❑ Those people testify to the power of Jesus over sin and death. We'll be risen like they were in that day; we'll be released from sin and put on immortality.



**“As Christ arose, He brought from the grave a multitude of captives. The earthquake at His death had rent open their graves, and when He arose, they came forth with Him. They were those who had been co-laborers with God, and who at the cost of their lives had borne testimony to the truth. Now they were to be witnesses for Him who had raised them from the dead.**

**During His ministry, Jesus had raised the dead to life. He had raised the son of the widow of Nain, and the ruler’s daughter and Lazarus. But these were not clothed with immortality. After they were raised, they were still subject to death. But those who came forth from the grave at Christ’s resurrection were raised to everlasting life. They ascended with Him as trophies of His victory over death and the grave. These, said Christ, are no longer the captives of Satan; I have redeemed them. I have brought them from the grave as the first fruits of My power, to be with Me where I am, nevermore to see death or experience sorrow.”**

E.G.W. (The Desire of Ages, cp. 81, pg. 786)

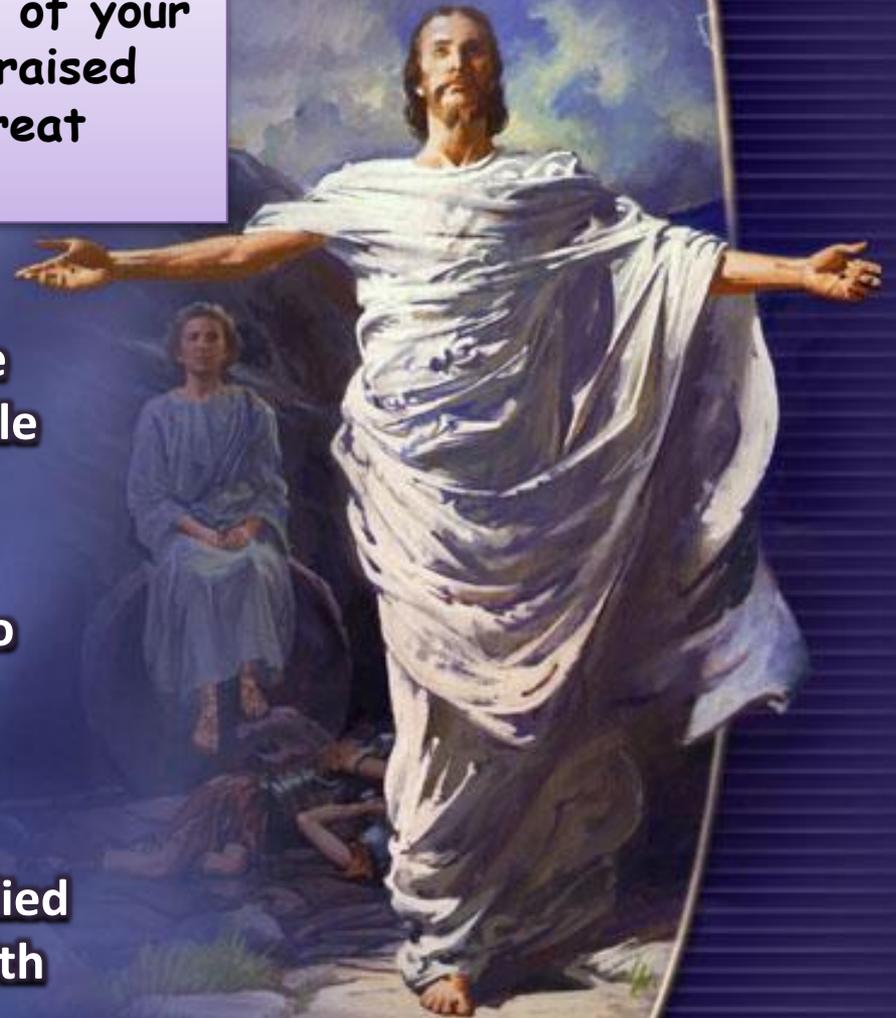
# JESUS WAS RISEN

**“And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. [...] But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest [...]” (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20 NLT)**

**What if Jesus hadn't been risen? Then He wouldn't have been able to release people from death or to overcome sin.**

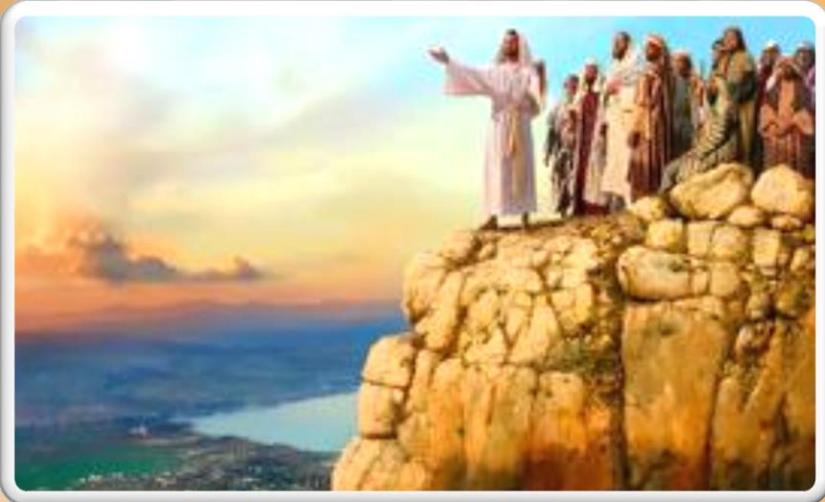
**Before He died, Jesus assured us He had power over His own life: “I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.” (John 10:18).**

**The resurrection of Jesus is our greatest assurance. “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 4:14).**



# JESUS SENT US ON A MISSION

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:18-19)



**Jesus sent His disciples on a mission before ascending to heaven. That mission is given with the authority of the Father, “All authority has been given to Me... Go therefore.”**

**The Gospel must be proclaimed by human voices, but we can only do so by God’s authority. We must invite all nations to accept the sovereignty of the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**That mission wasn’t only given to the more than 500 disciples that met Jesus in that moment (1 Corinthians 15:6); we are also called to fulfill it.**



**“The Lord God is bound by an eternal pledge to supply power and grace to every one who is sanctified through obedience to the truth. Jesus Christ, to whom is given all power in heaven and on earth, unites in sympathy with His instrumentalities—the earnest souls who day by day partake of the living bread “which cometh down from heaven” (John 6:33).**

**The church on earth, united with the church in heaven, can accomplish all things.”**