

Barabbas or Jesus?

Mat. 27:15-26

Barabbas:

- **Mat. 27:16 – Notorious prisoner**
- **Mk. 15:7; Lk. 23:19 – Murderous insurrectionist**
- **John 19:40 – Robber**

Jesus:

- **Mat. 27:17 – The Christ**
- **Mat. 1:21 – The Salvation of God**

The Jewish choice: Which one would they place their hope in of God's salvation?

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The work of both men: Freedom!

Barabbas:

- Against Roman tyranny
- Greatest threat –
Roman soldiers
- Robbery, murder
- Sin was his weapon
- Fear was his goal
- Cross was a symbol
of defeat

Jesus:

- Against Satan's tyranny
- Greatest threat –
Sin
- Kindness, giving, healing
- Holiness was His weapon
- Love was His goal
- Cross was a symbol
of victory

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The Crowd chose:

Lawlessness over Pure Law

War over Peace

Hate over Love

***The crowd has been choosing
that way ever since!***

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In the world:

Lawlessness or Law – Rom. 13:1-5

**War or Peace – Mat. 5:9; Heb. 12:14;
Rom. 12:18**

Hate or Love – Pro. 10:12; Mat. 5:43-44

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In the home:

Lawlessness or Law – Mat. 19:9

War or Peace – 1 Pet. 3:7; Pro. 21:19

Hate or Love – Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4

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In the church:

Lawlessness or Law – Col. 3:17

**War or Peace – Eph. 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:10;
Jas. 4:1-3**

Hate or Love – 1 John 3:14-15; 1 Pet. 4:8