

## Insights from Luke

#96: “Smitten of God and Afflicted;  
Jesus Sentenced to Death”  
Luke 23:13-25

### **Luke 23:13-16**

“<sup>13</sup> Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, ‘You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. <sup>15</sup> No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I will punish Him and release Him.’”

### **Luke 23:17**

“<sup>17</sup> [Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]”

### **Mark 15:6-8**

“<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. <sup>7</sup> The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. <sup>8</sup> The crowd went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them.”

### **Luke 23:18-19**

“<sup>18</sup> But they cried out all together, saying, ‘Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!’ <sup>19</sup> (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)”

### **Luke 23:20-21**

“<sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, <sup>21</sup> but they kept on calling out, saying, ‘Crucify, crucify Him!’”

**Matthew 27:24**

“<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting....”

**Luke 23:22-25**

“<sup>22</sup> And he said to them the third time, ‘Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him.’ <sup>23</sup> But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail. <sup>24</sup> And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. <sup>25</sup> And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.”

**Luke 5:1**

“<sup>1</sup> Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.”

**Acts 27:20**

“<sup>20</sup> Since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.”

**Matthew 27:24**

“<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves.’”

**Acts 5:28**

“<sup>28</sup> saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.’”

**Acts 2:22-23**

“<sup>22</sup> Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup> this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”

**Matthew 27:25**

“<sup>25</sup> And all the people said, ‘His blood shall be on us and on our children!’”

**Matthew 27:26**

“<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.”

**Satan’s will vs. God’s will.  
It was never a contest.**

**The sparing of Barabbas  
becomes a descriptive  
metaphor for the  
salvation of the wicked.**

**We do not know what  
became of Barabbas,  
but may we be sure of what  
becomes of us!**