

The Roman Trial
Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26

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The invisible kingdom of Christ the King poses no threat to Rome – or does it?

The failure of people to understand Jesus's kingdom

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Who was "Barabbas?" (a rebel and 'son of the father')

The wretched choice of a fickle crowd (20-26)

Why did they choose Barabbas?

The choice of Barabbas reveals human depravity

Barabbas vs. Jesus: A choice that continues to this day

As it always will, the world will choose Barabbas –
a picture of self-atonement