



## *"What Shall I do with Jesus?"*

Mark 15:1-15

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

### SCENE 1: Jesus before the religious Council.

- Now its "official", GUILTY!

### SCENE 2: Jesus before Pilate.

- It's now Political.
- New charges: King of the Jews.
- Jesus' responses: the same as before.
- Pilate's dilemma: Assessing Jesus, the Priests, and Barabbas.
- Pilate's proposal: A prisoner exchange?
- Total chaos, the guilty go free.
- Pilate's question: "What do I do with Jesus?"
- The innocent is condemned.

Jesus submits to the sovereign plan of God.

What will you do with Jesus?