



# CONNECTIONS

Sermon notes - April 9, 2017

## Keyverse

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

## Barabbas

*In one of the most unfair moments in all of human history, Jesus (the innocent one) is condemned to death while Barabbas (the guilty one) goes free. Pastor Dan*

1. Think of a time you were blamed for something you didn't do—in your family or at work. How did you feel? What did you do to try to make it right?
  
2. What if *you* were defending Jesus? What evidence would you use to prove He hadn't done anything wrong? Look for proof in these verses.
  - Mark 14:1-2, 10-11—
  - Mark 15:6-15—
  - Luke 23:6-16—
  - John 19:1-7, 12-16—
  
3. Search “Pilate” at [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org) then google “crucifixion.” How does knowing more of this background give you insight into Barabbas’ and Jesus’ situation?
  
4. Imagine what Barabbas might have said or done when he found out Jesus was condemned to death in his place. When did you first realize that Jesus died in *your* place, that He paid for *your* sins? How did you respond when you came to your own “crossroads” with Jesus?
  
5. Pastor Dan said that substitution and grace stand at the heart of the Christian faith. What did he mean? Why is it so important for us to understand and believe that *Jesus died in our place*? Consider these Scriptures:
  - Romans 5:6-8—
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21—
  - 1 Peter 2:24-25—
  - 1 Peter 3:18—