

# John 18:28-40

*“What is truth?”*



Jesus was taken to see the Roman Governor, Pilate. He knew Jesus didn't deserve to die, but he asked the crowd to decide for him. They shouted that they wanted Jesus to die on a cross, and a criminal called Barabbas to be set free instead!

*(Colour in the picture above and see if you can imagine being there in the crowd. How must it have felt for Jesus to hear all those people shouting for Him to be killed?)*

In the Bible passage, Pilate is the judge in the court-room, and Jesus is on trial to decide if He deserves to die on the cross. But Jesus is the One who is *really* in charge, and it's actually everyone else who is *really* on trial!

What did the Jewish leaders think about Jesus?

*(Circle the right words.)*

The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to **be their king/die**, because they wanted to **follow Jesus/be in charge**. They were **with/against** Jesus.

What did Pilate think about Jesus?  
*(Circle the right words.)*

Pilate wanted to know if Jesus would **fight him/hug him**. When he heard that Jesus wasn't bringing an army to fight him, he **got worried/didn't care** about what happened to Jesus. Pilate didn't think Jesus was **real/important**.

This story includes a huge swap: someone who is *innocent* is sentenced to death and someone who is *guilty* is set free. *(See if you can remember who is who, and fill in the blanks below.)*

The innocent person, \_\_\_\_\_, is sentenced to death.

The guilty person, \_\_\_\_\_, is set free.

This story isn't just about Jesus and Barabbas. It's about us too! *(Where would you put yourself in the blanks?)*

The innocent person, \_\_\_\_\_, is sentenced to death.

The guilty person, \_\_\_\_\_, is set free.