

**Begin Again**  
**Franklin Heights Church**  
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**Rocky Mount-CrossPointe-Union Hall-Recovery Church-Español-Ferrum College**

Text: Mark 15:15-21 (ESV)

**1. What do we learn from Barabbas?**

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ so we could be \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 15:6-10 (ESV)

*Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.*

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**2. What does Simon of Cyrene teach us?**

Jesus suffered so our sin could be \_\_\_\_\_ for.

Mark 15:15 (ESV)

*So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.*

Mark 15:16-20 (ESV)

*And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.*

Mark 15:21 (ESV)

*And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.*

Mark 15:33-34 (ESV)

*And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

**3. What does Joseph of Arimathea teach us?**

**Jesus died so \_\_\_\_\_ life could begin.**

Mark 15:42-46 (ESV)

*And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.*

1 Peter 2:24 (ESV)

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*