
DAILY READING

2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING

JOHN 5:24-47

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

MATTHEW 27:15-26

JESUS OR BARABBAS

27 ¹⁵ At the festival the governor's custom was to release to the crowd a prisoner they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who is it you want me to release for you— Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew it was because of envy that they had handed him over.

¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judge's bench, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I've suffered terribly in a dream because of him."

²⁰ The chief priests and the elders, however, persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to execute Jesus. ²¹ The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

"Barabbas!" they answered.

²² Pilate asked them, "What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?"

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

²³ Then he said, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

But they kept shouting all the more, “Crucify him!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. See to it yourselves!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them and, after having Jesus flogged, handed him over to be crucified.