WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON WITH BARABBAS

Genesis 1:1 (NASB) ¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27 (NASB) ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 3:6 (NASB) ⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:23 (NASB) ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

Romans 3:23 (NASB) ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 (NASB) ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the *free gift* of God is eternal life *in* Christ Jesus our Lord. **John 3:16 (NASB)** ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, *that He* gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Matthew 1:22-23 (NASB) ²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the lord through the prophet: ²³ "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (NASB) ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (NASB) ²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 27:22-23 (NASB) ²² Pilate *said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all *said, "Crucify Him!" ²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!"

Matthew 27:24 (NASB) ²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

Matthew 27:25-26 (NASB) ²⁵ And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Isaiah 53:5 (NASB) ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our wellbeing *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

Exodus 12:13 (NASB) ¹³ 'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Why was Barabbas mentioned in the crucifixion?

- Murder
- Man of no conscience
- Man who never came back and said thanks
- But why Barabbas

God treated Jesus like Barabbas so Barabbas could be treated like Jesus!

Barabbas thought the people released him but it was God!

Romans 5:8-9 (NASB) ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

We are constantly trying to work ourselves into the presence of our Lord, when we find ourselves in that dark place, but that is the opposite of Scriptures.

- You can't save your children
- You can't save you job
- You can't save your marriage
- You can't save anything

So why is Barabbas in the Scripture?

To paint a picture of who we really are and what God thru Christ has done for us.

Barabbas never came back to thank Jesus for taking his place, how about you, have you thru your life thanked Christ for all He has done for you?