

SERMON NOTES
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Crowds and Conscience

Mark 15:1-5, 9-15

A problem for democracy.
Crowds aren't always right.

CROWDS

v. 11 "But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead."

ochlos – "to have; to hold"

CONFIDENCE

Isaiah 30:15 (KJV) "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel...and in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength..."

"Pilate was amazed." (v.4)

CONSCIENCE

Herod - Luke 23:6

Scourging – John 19:1

Prisoner release - Passover tradition (v. 6)

Handwashing – Matthew 27:24

CALL

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

Mark 15:1-5, 9-15

¹Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. ²Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "It is as you say." ³The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly. ⁴Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!" ⁵But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

⁹Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" ¹⁴But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!" ¹⁵Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.