

Jesus

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him
to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

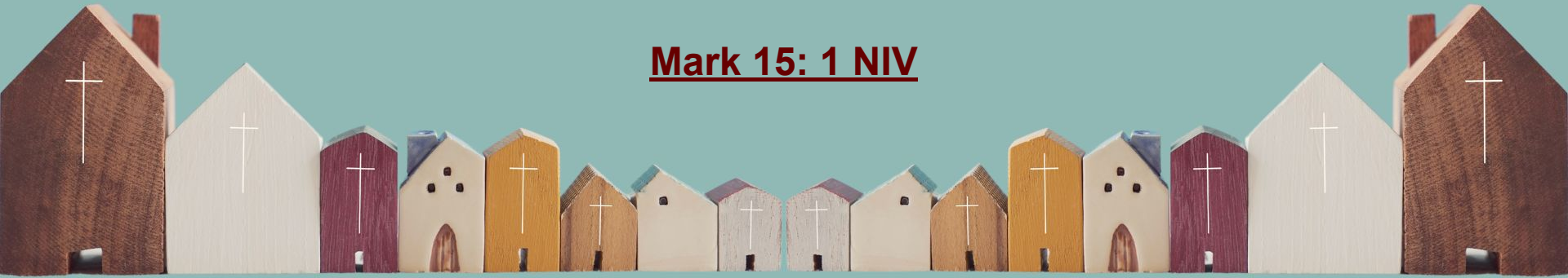
Punchline

Pressure should push us to Jesus not to ourselves



Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Mark 15: 1 NIV



“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

Mark 15: 2 NIV



The chief priests accused him of many things.

Mark 15: 3 NIV



So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

Mark 15: 4 NIV



But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15: 5 NIV



Jesus And Pilate

- ❑ **Pilate is a Roman government official**
- ❑ **“Are you King of the Jews?” - Pilate**
- ❑ **Jesus affirms - “You have said so.”**
- ❑ **Jesus stays silent on everything else and Pilate has a decision to make**



Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested.

Mark 15: 6 NIV



**A man called Barabbas was in prison
with the insurrectionists who had
committed murder in the uprising.**

Mark 15: 7 NIV



The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

Mark 15: 8 NIV



“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him

Mark 15: 9-10 NIV



But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

Mark 15: 11 NIV



“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

Mark 15: 12 NIV



“Crucify him!” they shouted. “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

Mark 15: 13-14 NIV



Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Mark 15: 15 NIV



Jesus And Barabbas

- ❑ Custom to release a prisoner
- ❑ Barabbas - revolutionary who led a violent uprising in which there was a murder



Jesus And Barabbas

- ❑ Pilate assumes the people will pick Jesus
- ❑ The crowd chooses Barabbas
- ❑ Barabbas goes free and Jesus is sentenced to be crucified



Barabbas To Us

- ❑ What we choose **INSTEAD** of Jesus
- ❑ The pressure to pick something or follow something or someone other than Jesus



How Jesus Handled Pressure

- ❑ Remembered who He was
 - ❑ Remember your identity when you feel pressure
- ❑ Stayed silent when needed



Pilate's Pressure

- ❑ **Mainly came from Rome**
- ❑ **He needed the people of Jerusalem a little fearful but a little happy**



PRESSURE TO
PEOPLE
PLEASE

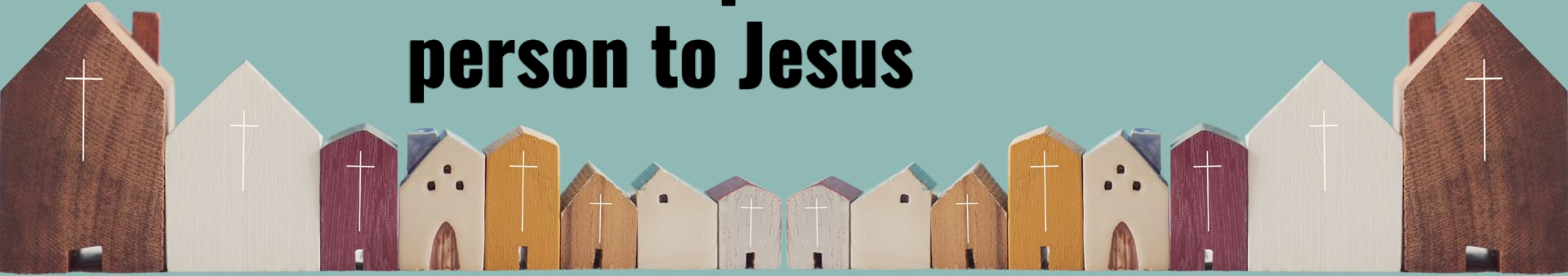
People Pleasing

- ❑ Pressure to people please cannot outweigh pleasing God
- ❑ Saying yes to something we shouldn't



People Pleasing

- ❑ **Conflict avoidance**
 - ❑ **Jesus never hid from the truth**
 - ❑ **The way we call about behavior also has to honor Jesus**
 - ❑ **It should push us and the other person to Jesus**



Pressure Of The Chief Priests

- ❑ Stirring up the crowds to Barabbas released**
- ❑ They want Barabbas out because they NEED Jesus gone**



PRESSURE TO
KEEP POWER,
CONTROL AND
INFLUENCE

Pressure Of Control And Influence

- ❑ Do we control from OUR OWN NEED to be in control or as a vehicle for God's control and influence**
- ❑ Use your platform and influence for Jesus**



Pressure Of The Crowd

- ❑ The CROWD picked Barabbas
- ❑ The loudest voices were going to win



PRESSURE TO
JOIN THE
CROWD

Follow The Crowd

- ❑ **Cultural views**
- ❑ **Social media trends**
- ❑ **Be pulled to Jesus first**



Follow The Crowd

- ☐ **You can have relationships with those in the crowd without agreeing with them**
- ☐ **It's ok to stand out in the crowd**



When Pressure Comes

- ☐ Pressure to please people
- ☐ Pressure to keep control or influence
- ☐ Pressure to follow the crowd
- ☐ Don't let it push you inside of yourself,
let it push you to Jesus

