



Children's Bulletin

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The Trials

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Mark 15:1-15 (New International Readers Version)

¹It was 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 tied Jesus up and led him away. Then they handed him over to Pilate.

²"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "You have said so," Jesus replied.

³The chief priests brought many charges against him. ⁴So Pilate asked him again, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they charge you with." ⁵But Jesus still did not reply. Pilate was amazed.

⁶It was the usual practice at the Passover Feast to let one prisoner go free. The people could choose the one they wanted. ⁷A man named Barabbas was in prison. He was there with some other people who had fought against the country's rulers. They had committed murder while they were fighting against the rulers. ⁸The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹"Do you want me to let the king of the Jews go free?" asked Pilate. ¹⁰He knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him because they wanted to get their own way. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd. So the crowd asked Pilate to let Barabbas go free instead.

¹²"Then what should I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. ¹³"Crucify him!" the crowd shouted. ¹⁴"Why? What wrong has he done?" asked Pilate. But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

¹⁵Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd. So he let Barabbas go free. He ordered that Jesus be whipped. Then he handed him over to be nailed to a cross.

Take notes by drawing or writing key words from the sermon.

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