

One Step Behind Jesus: The Great Switch

Luke 23:13-35

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Jesus is on trial. The crowds are urging Pilate to deem Jesus as guilty and to have Him arrested. In the background, is this criminal and notorious murderer, Barabbas. The crowds call for his release in exchange for Jesus being put on trial. The weight of this decision is in the hands of Pilate. What will he do? Will Barabbas become a free man or will he stay in prison and face the consequences of his heinous crimes? Listen to Pilate.

Watch Barabbas and then be inspired by Jesus as
He makes the GREAT SWITCH ...

The Desire of Pilate: Punish and **Release** (Luke 23:16)

- “He has done nothing to deserve death” (Luke 23:15)
- “wanting to release Jesus” (Luke 23:20)
- Luke 23:22

the
**Next
Step**

Jesus wants to trade or **switch**
His freedom for our sins.

The Crowd's **Influence** (Luke 23:18-20)

Jesus (Son of the Living God)

vs.

Barabbas (thug and rebel)

*“On hearing this, Jesus said to them,
“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

Mark 2:17, NIV

Have you made the Great Switch?

**Have you switched
your sin for His forgiveness and freedom?**

By now you have discovered that all roads do not lead to God, and life is not as simple as you once thought. For those who are at this crossroad, the Bible offers a new direction, one filled with purpose, fulfillment, and acceptance. The steps are simple:

Recognize that you're a sinner.

You must admit your spiritual need. *“There is none righteous, no, not one.”* (Romans 3:10). We can't make excuses or blame others for our actions. *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23).

Recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...” (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus paid the price for your sin. The apostle Paul said, *“...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”* (Galatians 2:20).

Repent of your sins.

The word “repent” means “to change your direction.” The Bible tells us, *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”* (Acts 3:19). God commands us to repent. You must be willing to turn away from the things that displease God.

Accept Jesus as your Savior.

Jesus said, *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* (Matthew 11:28). It is essential to come to Jesus just as you are. Don't try to “clean up your life” before you come to God. Instead, receive Him and allow Him to do the “cleansing.” Jesus said, *“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”* (John 6:37).

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