♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, April 3, 2011

"JESUS...WHO DIED FOR ME"

(Mark 15:1-15)

Today our series "Faces in the Crowd" leads us to Barabbas. Jesus died on a cross intended for this known criminal. None of Barabbas' words are recorded in the Bible but his experience is common for all sinners – Jesus died for us. What can we learn from a fellow-sinner?

What do we share in common with Barabbas?

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"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45, NIV).

What do we share in common with Barabbas?

1. Life catches up with us.

"A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:7, NIV).

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, NIV).

2. Our failures/sin affect ourselves and others.

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23, NIV).

3. Where there is life there is hope.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, NIV).

4. God gives us opportunities we don't deserve.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV).

5. Jesus was innocent but willingly died for us in our place.

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18, NIV).

"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:4-6, NIV).