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## Heart to Heart WITH GOD

### JESUS OR BARABBAS

"38. Pilate saith unto him, what is the truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. 39. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the Passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40. Then cried they all again, saying, not this man, but Barabbas: now Barabbas was a robber" (John 18:38-40).

Jesus was arrested because of the sin of blasphemy. He was claiming to be God and has power to forgive sins and telling that he was a Lord of Sabbath. The Jewish leaders were putting blame of Jesus that he was destroying the Law of Moses. But look what Jesus told them, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

But the fact was since Jesus was teaching the things of heaven and about His Father's love and doing mighty things: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). The Jewish leaders were afraid that all the people leaving them and following Jesus, not respect them anymore or falling prey to their lies.

Pilate knew that Jesus was not guilty of any punishment. But he did not want to see the riots due to Jesus and hence he Pilate asked people that, "according to your custom on your Passover day one criminal can be freed. Do you want me to free Jesus or Barabbas?" But people chose Barabbas to be freed. They chose Barabbas over the spotless Lamb of God. It was so pathetic indeed! Barabbas was a robber and was looting them, a murderer killing them. Jesus was loving them, helping them, healing them and showing the love of heavenly Father and the way to heaven, but they denied him and chose a criminal.

But same is true in our day to day life right in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. As a born again and Spirit-filled Christians we chose wealth, fame and pleasure of sin over the King of kings and Lord of lords even Jesus Christ the spotless Lamb of God.

It is the high time for us, Christians and especially the ministers of God that whom we give first place in our lives. Jesus Christ the spotless Lamb of God deserves the First place in our lives because he has laid his life on behalf of us and paid the price for our sins even his own holy Blood. Let us meditate on this and as we are heading towards the end of this year 2018, let us be very sure to see that whom we give First Place in our lives!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families. Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Write us for we love to hear from you.

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions.  
(Psalms 119:105: II Corinthians 5:7)

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"15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2:15)

**PRAY FOR US**

**PARTNER WITH US  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**