

## I FIND NO GUILT IN THIS MAN

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*Here's why you might be rejecting Jesus: chased away by fear (the disciples), caved in to the pressure (Pilate), consumed with self (Herod), caught up in the moment (the crowd), or caustic toward the faith (chief priests). Here's why you should receive him instead... Jesus was unjustly accused and condemned, so you could be undeservedly forgiven and freed (Barabbas).*

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you let fear chase you away from situations where faith in Jesus is required? What does Romans 8:15 and Hebrews 10:39 teach you to think about when you experience fear? How are you applying this teaching to your life?

What excuse did Pilate use for acting against his conscience due to pressure from the crowd? Is there a situation that tempts you to ignore your conscience and cave to social pressure? What Scriptures or biblical teaching can you recall that will help you follow your conscience in that case?

In what ways are you like Herod and given towards a lifestyle of self-consumption? In what ways are you intentionally deviant from that kind of lifestyle? How do your choices reflect your faith in Jesus?

Have you ever been “caught up in a bad moment” and went along with the crowd against Jesus? What was the result? How can you develop a perspective on Christ that is independent of the negative mood of the people around you?

Have you’ve encountered a person with a caustic reaction to your faith in Jesus? What was the experience like? How can you tell when debating a caustic person is necessary?

Why do you think Jesus said so little to his caustic accusers? What example does his quietness set for you as you seek to follow Christ in the presence of someone who is hostile towards your belief?

What do you think you would have done if you were in Barabbas’ shoes and set free? As you approach Good Friday, what are some of the intentional ways you can recognize and honour Jesus for what he suffered in your place?