

# JESUS

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**This is a true story about Jesus.  
It comes from Luke Chapter 23  
in your Bible.**

**Barabbas (buh-RAB-us) was a rebel, a criminal, and even a murderer.**

**He had tried to run, but had been caught and was now sitting in prison. The Romans had prepared a cross for him. Barabbas knew he would have to carry that cross out of the city, and be nailed and hung on it until he died. That was his punishment.**



**Deep down, Barabbas  
must have known  
he deserved it.**

**Barabbas sat in chains. He could hear a lot of noise outside of people yelling and cheering.**

**Pontius Pilate, the governor, called for everyone to be quiet.**



**Barabbas listened carefully to what Pilate had to say.**



**“You told me this man was guilty of trying to start a rebellion. But I have spoken to him and looked at the evidence and I don’t believe he’s guilty of anything, so I am going to release Him.”**



**Perhaps Barabbas wondered who Pilate was talking about. It definitely wasn't him.**