



"Why set barabas free?"

Then I realized,



That barabas was ME 🙄

Barabbas: The Idols We Still Set Free

*Which one do you want me to release to you:
Barabbas, or Jesus?*

The Trade at the Trial

Pilate offered the crowd an easy choice:

Jesus, who healed and loved His enemies

Barabbas, a murderer and revolutionary.



Son of the Father, Son of the Father

"Barabbas" means "son of the father," and some

manuscripts even call him "Jesus Barabbas"

— making Pilate's question a choice between a false son

and the true Son of the Father.



Son of the Father, Son of the Father

**The crowd chose the counterfeit, and we still do
the same whenever we let something else reign
over our lives instead of Jesus.**



The Idol of Comfort

Comfort quietly leads us to choose ease

over obedience and convenience over Christ

Jesus never promised comfort but called us to deny

ourselves and take up our cross (Matthew 16:24).





The Idol of Control

Control looks respectable but is really unbelief in disguise, trusting our own grip more than God's hands.

Scripture calls us to fully trust the Lord (Proverbs 3:5), just as Jesus trusted the Father in the garden (Luke 22:42).

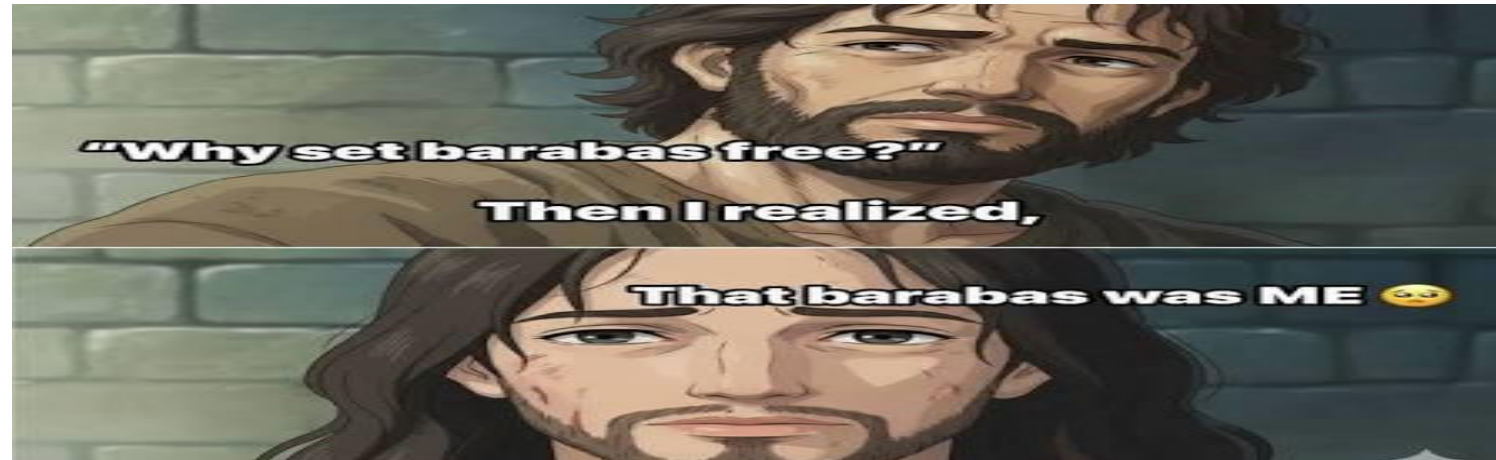
The Idol of Image

**Image is the curated highlight reel that
hides what's really going on, rooted in a fear of
being truly known.**



The Idol of Image

**Jesus rebuked this same performance in the
Pharisees (Matthew 23:25)
instead offers freedom through honesty,
not filters.**



Who Will You Release?

Pilate's question — release Barabbas or Jesus?



— is a mirror held up to

every generation

We choose daily between

our idols and Christ

Who Will You Release?

The guilty Barabbas walked free while the

innocent Jesus died in his place,

a picture of the gospel that

asks us: which will you release,

your idols or Jesus?



Three Challenges

First, trade an hour of comfort for an act of obedience: do the thing God has been nudging you to do even when it's inconvenient.



Three Challenges

**Second, release something
you've been white-knuckling
and place it fully into God's
hands, choosing trust over
control.**



Three Challenges

Third, tell someone the honest truth about what's

really going on in your life,

stepping out from behind the

image you've been curating.



Don't just pick one

— take a real step in all three areas this week,
letting each one confront the idol it targets.

