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The Great Exchange

Mark 15:1-20

Series: Getting In on the Good News

The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

Central Thought: We get in on the Good News when we affirm that Jesus, in his divinity and perfection, gave up his rights in exchange for our guilt and shame so that we would have the right to be restored as the sons and daughters of God.

Questions and Answers...

- ❖ Are you the king of the Jews? (vs. 1-2)
 - Jesus is the king of the Jews and everyone and everything else!

Revelation 1:5 (NIV) — 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth...

Colossians 1:15–16 (NIV) — 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

- ❖ Aren't you going to answer? (vs. 3-5)
 - In his innocence and authority, Jesus does not attempt to defend himself – he doesn't demand his rights.

- ❖ Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews? (vs. 6-11)
 - The crowd demands the release of their violent, rebel hero – even though he is rightly charged with murder.
- ❖ What shall I do then with the one you call the king of the Jews? What crime has he committed? (vs. 12-15)
 - The crowd demands the death of Jesus – as they see him as a false messiah who failed to stand up for their rights.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) — 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

Rights and Responsibilities

- ❖ Our greatest right restored; to be a child of God!
 - Barabbas = “son of abba” = daddy's boy (girl)

John 1:11–13 (NIV) — 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- ❖ Our greatest responsibility required; to love our neighbors!
 - Especially our neighbor in need.

Philippians 2:5–8 (NIV) — 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! (see also Luke 4:14-21; 10:25-37).