

# The Message

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## **Barabbas and Caesar**

(Revolutionaries and Statists)

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# Three Types of People

1. Statists like the chief priests.
2. Zealots like Barabbas.
3. Christians (The Meek shall inherit . . . )



# Statists

The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15).



**“the great city was divided into three parts”**

(Revelation 16:19)

“His blood be on us and on our children.”



## Then Rome Came

“that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah . . .” (Matthew 23:35).



# **The Mark of the Beast**

“We have no king but Caesar.”



# Barabbas Types

**First**, they believed that they were the chosen race.



# The Legal Question

**Secondly**, they believed that Rome had no legal right to rule over them.



# **What Motivated the Barabbas Types?**

**They doubted the sovereignty of God.**



# Blood and Soil

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the corruption inherit incorruption” (1 Corinthians 15:50).



# **Only If You Belong to Christ**

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed,  
and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:29).



# The Only Way to Be Free

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).



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