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*Cross Connections: Seeing Ourselves in the Passion Story – Lent 2020 – Week 2*

## JESUS, BAR-ABBA(S)

*Which Jesus are you looking for? Matthew 27:15-26*

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**Introduction:** Did you know there were likely two “Jesuses” standing before Pontius Pilate? Today marks the second week in our *Cross Connections* series. In it, we will be examining various characters at the end of Christ’s life. This week, we look to a man named “Jesus, son of Abba” (Matt 27:16)—or as you may know him, “Barabbas.”

Matthew intentionally highlights a confusing similarity between Christ and Barabbas in order to pose a question that matters to us: “Which ‘Jesus’ do you want (The Christ of Scripture, or the one who merely fits your preferences)?”

### NOTES