



## *Why Doesn't God Seem Fair?*

Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" (Matthew 24:21-23, NIV)

*It doesn't seem fair:*

Barabbas deserved to die.

Jesus deserved to live.

*When things aren't fair:*

1. I remember that God's ways are always higher than my ways.
2. I remember that I have a finite, limited mind, but God is infinite and unlimited.
3. I remind myself that God is still good.
4. I remind myself that there has to be a death in order to have a resurrection.



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*God's perspective on me:*

### **1. I am not good.**

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

(Mark 2:17, NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ... All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

(Romans 3:10 & 12, NIV)

### **2. I deserve punishment.**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:23, NIV)

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...!'" (Matthew 28:1-7a, NIV)