

# How to Vote

## Part 3: Don't Believe the Hype

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<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted. <sup>16</sup> This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup> (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)....

<sup>20</sup> Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. <sup>21</sup> So the governor asked again, "Which of these two do you want me to release to you?"

The crowd shouted back, "Barabbas!"

<sup>22</sup> Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

<sup>23</sup> "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>24</sup> Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"

<sup>25</sup> And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!"

<sup>26</sup> So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. NASB

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The heart of hype is feelings over \_\_\_\_\_.

Emotional decisions end in \_\_\_\_\_.

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Vote Tuesday... for \_\_\_\_\_!

You never \_\_\_\_\_ doing what's right.