THE CROSS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Is Free Really Free?

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.
-- Luke 23:18-19

The story of Easter: A free gift

"But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" -- John 18:39-40

For all have sinned and come short… -- Romans 3:23

"Tale of the Tape"

Jesus	Barabbas
Son of the Father	son of a father
Innocent	Guilty
Innocent	Guilty
Innocent	Guilty

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
-- II Corinthians 5:21

"Tale of the Tape"

Barabbas	**Jesus**
Innocent	Guilty
Innocent	Guilty
Innocent	Guilty
Went free	Died

I do vs. He did

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved -- Acts 16:31

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -- John 1:12

_____Jesus.

_____ Jesus.

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
-- Romans 10:9-10

_____ Jesus.