



Sovereignty explains that God is supremely in control over all His creation, in a universal sense. Psalm 103:19

Providence explains that God is intimately involved in all things. Psalm 139:16



II. Good Will Gesture?

- The custom of releasing a prisoner seems to be something that the Romans would allow as a good will gesture.
- Barabbas was most likely a leader of a group of Jewish revolutionaries called Zealots.



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- Barabbas was more of a savior to the people in their estimation than was the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The religious leaders resented Jesus for the authority that He had and the love that others showed Him.



III. Crucify Him!

- The crowds gathered that day were likely not pilgrims but supporters of the insurrection.



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- Jesus took the place of Barabbas and died on Barabbas' cross.
- Here we see the doctrine of substitution. Christ died for sinners.



Never Forget...

- Jesus is not a helpless victim being brutalized by the will of the people.
- Behind it all is the unseen providence of God.



The fact that God is intimately involved, even in the smallest detail of your life, should be a source of great comfort.

