

# Interview with Baruch

## Materials

- Three copies of the Interview Script
- Optional: props such as necktie for Reporter, robe for Baruch, object for microphone, scroll of paper, etc.

## Instructions

*Print three copies of the Interview Script for yourself and two students. Have students role play as they read the script for the class. Use props for some extra fun. If you have time, give other students a turn to play the roles.*

## Suggested Discussion

This interview basically retells what we've studied today. God had a warning for His people. He gave Jeremiah the message, and Jeremiah had Baruch write it down. But King Jehoiakim didn't want to listen to God's warning, and he cut the scroll up and threw it in the fire.

Do you ever get that way? Do you ever NOT want to listen to God? Sometimes we can be tempted to ignore God's Word so we can go ahead and do what we want.

There might be times when you want to disobey your parents and do something they've told you not to do, or lie so you can get away with something. But just because you choose to ignore God's instructions doesn't make them go away. Right? Jehoiakim tried to ignore what God said, and it only led him into more trouble.

We need to remember that God's Word never changes. We all need to listen to God and choose to obey Him—even when we don't feel like it.

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**Reporter:** Hello, Mr. Baruch. Can you tell me what line of work you are in, sir?

**Baruch:** I am a scribe.

**Reporter:** And who is it that you work for?

**Baruch:** Jeremiah.

**Reporter:** What line of work is he in?

**Baruch:** He is a prophet of God.

**Reporter:** Now is it true that God talks to your boss?

**Baruch:** Yes, God gave him words of warning to the people.

**Reporter:** I hear that you had a near-disastrous experience with King Jehoiakim thanks to your boss. Can you tell us what Jeremiah originally asked you to do for him?

**Baruch:** He asked me to write down on a scroll the words God gave to him and then to read it to the people.

**Reporter:** What happened after you read it to the people?

**Baruch:** The people were afraid because of the words. And the king's officials asked for the scroll and took it to the king.

**Reporter:** What did the king think of your scroll?

**Baruch:** He didn't like it and burned it up in his fireplace.

**Reporter:** Sounds like the king has a bit of a temper. What did God do about His message being destroyed?

**Baruch:** God spoke to the great prophet again, and I wrote the words down again. This time, God gave Jeremiah even more words.

**Reporter:** Hmm—it seems to me like God was pretty determined to get His message out. I don't think I'd want to be the guy who burned up that scroll! I believe that no one will ever be able to destroy God's Word.

Well, there you have it! Our live report from Jerusalem. And now back to headquarters!