


Christ on the Cross

 MEMORY VERSE: "When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God." Mark 15:39



MARK 15:16-20 Mocking God's Son

1. To "mock" means to make fun of someone. How did the soldiers mock Jesus? Even though the soldier's intentions were evil, what stands out to you about their actions?
2. Jesus chose not to fight the soldiers but to obey God's plan for His life. What was God's plan for Jesus?
3. How do people mock Jesus today? Why do you think they do this?



MARK 15:21-32 The Crucifixion

4. Read verses 21-24. Jesus did not have the strength to carry His own cross. How do you think Simon, a stranger, might have felt when he was forced to carry Jesus' cross?
5. Read verses 24-26. What did the soldiers do? What was the inscription written over Jesus?
6. Read verses 27-32. What were the people, the religious leaders and even the other criminals saying/doing? Was it true that Jesus couldn't save himself? Why didn't He?



MARK 15:33-39 The Death of Jesus

- 7. What happened at noon? What happened at 3? vv. 33-34
Why do you think Jesus asked God this question?
- 8. What important miraculous sign occurred when Jesus breathed His last? vv. 37-38
- 9. Read verse 39. What did the Roman officer say? How do you think he felt realizing this?
- 10. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the King of kings, and that He died on the cross for your sins?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

Have you recognized and embraced this amazing truth? Are you like the soldiers and religious leaders or do you believe that Jesus Christ is who He said he was? Jesus is indeed the Son of God, the King of kings! And He loves YOU. Do you realize that you are a sinner, the very reason sinless Jesus Christ had to die on the cross? He paid for your sins because you could not do it yourself. May you spend the rest of your life living in gratitude for what Jesus did for you.

PRAY THE TRUTH

King Jesus, It is so hard for my human brain to fully understand that the God of the universe sent His Son Jesus Christ to live a perfect life, and die a human death all because I am a sinner. Help me to believe and walk in the truth that Jesus is who He says He is: King and Savior. And let that truth change my whole life. Thank you for Your amazing sacrifice. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



When you think about how Jesus died, how does it affect you?

How has believing these truths about Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection changed your life?



Mark 15:20-39 (NLT)

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

16 The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters (called the Praetorium) and called out the entire regiment. 17 They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. 18 Then they saluted him and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" 19 And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship. 20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

21 A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) 22 And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). 23 They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it. 24 Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. 25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26 A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." 27 Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 29 The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. 30 Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" 31 The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! 32 Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

The Death of Jesus

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" 35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. 36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!" 37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

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