

Sacrifice of Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: “For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”
Deuteronomy 31:6

DAY 1

MARK 15:1-20 — Jesus Before Pilate

1. Read verses 1-5. Jewish leaders had no authority to execute people so they took Jesus to Pilate. What surprised Pilate?
2. Read verses 3-14. Why did Pilate think the chief priests had brought Jesus in? v. 10
When Pilate offered to release Jesus how did the crowd react? What did the crowd want done to Jesus?
3. Read verses 15-20. Why did Pilate agree to have Jesus crucified? What brutality do the soldiers inflict upon Him?

DAY 2

MARK 15:21-32 — The Crucifixion

4. Read verses 21-24. What did they have Simon do? Jesus did not have the strength to carry His own cross. How do you think He kept going?
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? What does Jesus' self-control in not replying to their accusations teach us?

DAY 3 MARK 15:33-41 — The Death of Jesus

7. What occurred between the 6th and the 9th hours? (Noon to 3:00 pm) v. 33

8. From verse 34, Luke 23:34 and John 19:30 what did Jesus cry out as He took His last breath? What can we learn about Jesus from this?

9. A heavy curtain hung in front of the temple room called the Most Holy Place; a place reserved by God for Himself. Read verse 38. Why did Jesus have to die and what does it mean that the curtain was torn? Also see Hebrews 7:27.

10. Read verses 39-41. What did the Roman centurion see and then say? What followers of Jesus were watching?

11. What insight do the following verses give into the feeling of abandonment by God that Jesus felt when our sin was upon him?

Habakkuk 1:13:

Isaiah 59:2:

2 Corinthians 5:21:

DAY 4**MARK 15:42-47 — The Burial of Jesus**

12. Who asked for the body of Jesus in order to bury Him? What risks does a man of His status take by asking for the body of a condemned man? Why do you think Pilate granted this request?
13. Who assured Pilate that Jesus had died? What was done with Jesus' body? Who watched to see where Jesus was buried?
14. How do you think the disciples felt at this time? How about the rulers?

DAY 5**MARK 15 — Wrap Up**

15. What important lessons does the crucifixion teach us?
16. How can you apply your response to Jesus' death to your life this week?

TAKE AWAY

This week, spend time thinking about what Jesus did for you! Then share your heart with Him.

BLESSING

If you have asked Jesus to be your Savior, the blood Jesus shed on the cross covered your sin, washed you clean and put you in right standing with God.

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God was now implementing His decision made in eternity before the creation of the world.

By killing Jesus the Chief Priests believed they would preserve their religion and way of life; but here in the death of Jesus the purpose of the priestly role and responsibilities is fulfilled.

The crowd, religious leaders and soldiers will one day realize that Jesus really is the King – the King of kings, the Lord of lords. They will one day kneel before him [Philippians 2:10].

Jesus, in that last moment, went through separation from the Father for us, so we can be cleansed from sin, delivered from the fear of death, and made new in Christ. Now, through the blood of Jesus permanent, present access to God is restored.

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” (2 Corinthians 5:21). That is what God is doing in us: making us reflections of His righteousness.

Notes
