

Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 15)

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Series objective

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that causes us look in the mirror. Most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ, what He did for us, and the calling He has for our lives.

Overview of Chapter 15

Verses 1–15	Jesus before Pilate
Verses 16–20	Soldiers mock Jesus
Verses 21–32	The Crucifixion of Jesus
Verses 33–41	The Death of Jesus
Verses 42–47	The Burial of Jesus

1. The Jewish leaders had been planning for a long time to put Jesus to death. Based on what we have studied in this series, what were some of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus?
2. Verses 1 through 15 tell us about Jesus before Pilate. Mark provides few details, so let's read John 18:28 through 19:16.
 - a. What observations do you have in the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate?
 - b. Read John 19:11. What does this verse tell us about the "perceived authority" that men have and also who was guilty of the greater sin (Pilate or the Jewish leaders)?
 - c. Pilate was in a precarious position and in John 19:12 we read that he really wanted to free Jesus. Was Pilate afraid of releasing Jesus and if so, why?
3. In Mark 15:16 through 32 we read about the crucifixion. It is easy to read through this passage and fail to grasp the gravity of what happened and what God was willing to do for us with the death of His Son.
 - a. What do you think was the hardest part of the Crucifixion experience for Jesus?
 - b. How does realizing what Jesus did for us impact the way we should live our lives?
4. The death and burial of Jesus are described in verses 33 through 47.
 - a. What is significant in what we read in verse 38 about the temple veil (or curtain)?
 - b. What risk did Joseph have in going to see Pilate?
5. There is no doubt Jesus is the most interesting man who has ever lived. He was born in obscurity, had tremendous knowledge and wisdom, loved people to the point they were willing to give up everything and follow Him, and He died a horrible and horrific death. Why would God have sent His Son in this way? What can we learn from studying how Jesus came to earth, how He lived, and how He died?

Next Bible Study (Tuesday, October 15th)

Read Mark 16. This will be our final lesson in this series. How has studying about Jesus helped you understand more about God's love for you? Has it impacted your desire to be a deeper follower of Jesus?