Lesson 21: Delivered to be Crucified

Mark 15:1-41
6:00am  “morning”—V. 1
9:00am  “third hour”—V. 25
12:00noon  “sixth hour”—V. 33
3:00pm  “ninth hour”—V. 34
6:00pm  “evening”—V. 42
“The King of the Jews”

- V. 2
- V. 9
- V. 12
- V. 18
- V. 26
- V. 32

“The King of Israel”
Why was the cross hard for Jesus?

• Pain, Wrath, Shame

Order of importance?

1. Wrath
2. Pain
3. Shame
The Righteous Sufferer in the Psalms

Psalm 18

[25] The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

[26] For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.

[27] For all His ordinances were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me.

[28] I was also blameless with Him, And I kept myself from iniquity.

[29] Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
The Righteous Sufferer in the Psalms

Psalm 7:8
The LORD judges the peoples;
Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity that is in me.

Psalm 26:1
Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
The Righteous Sufferer in the Psalms

Psalm 17
[1] Hear a just cause, O LORD, give heed to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips.
[2] Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; Let Your eyes look with equity.
[3] You have tried my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tested me and You find nothing.
Luther’s “Theology of the Cross”

revelatio Dei sub specie contrario

The revelation of God under the appearance of the opposite.
Luther’s “Theology of the Cross”

The work of God must be hidden and never understood, even when it happens. But it is never hidden in any other way than under that which appears contrary to our conceptions and ideas.

-Lectures on Romans
Luther’s “Theology of the Cross”

In order that there may be room for faith, it is necessary that everything which is believed should be hidden. It cannot, however, be more deeply hidden than under an object, perception, or experience which is contrary to it. Thus when God makes alive he does it by killing, when he justifies he does it by making men guilty, when he exalts to heaven he does it by bringing down to hell.

-The Bondage of the Will
1 Corinthians 1:21-23

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.
1 Corinthians 2:7-8

But we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
Christ’s Crucifixion Was More Public Than His Resurrection

John 3:14

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.
Christ’s Crucifixion Was More Public Than His Resurrection

John 12:32-33

“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

But He was saying this to indicated the kind of death by which He was to die.
Christ’s Crucifixion Was More Public Than His Resurrection

Acts 10:39-41

We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.