

Delivered to be Crucified

Lesson 21: Mark 15:1-41

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Mark Outline – Geographic

- 1:1-13 Introduction
- 1:14-7:23 Galilean ministry
- 7:24-8:26 Northern journey
- 8:27-10:52 Journey to Jerusalem
- 11:1-13:37 Jerusalem ministry
- 14:1-15:47 The Passion
- 16:1-20 The resurrection

Mark Outline – Good News

- 1:1-13 The beginning of the Good News
- 1:14-8:21 The Good News about Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God
- 8:22-10:52 The Good News about Jesus' teaching on discipleship
- 11:1-15:47 The Good News about Jesus' death
- 16:1-8 Conclusion: The Good News about the empty tomb

Mark Outline

- 1:1-13 Introduction
- 1:14-13:37 Jesus' ministry
 - 1:14-10:52 Main years of ministry
 - 11:1-13:37 Concluding ministry in Jerusalem
- 14:1-15:47 Jesus' sacrifice
- 16:1-8 Jesus' resurrection

Lesson Outline

- 15:1-5 Jesus before Pilate
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- 15:16-20 The mocked king
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Jesus before Pilate Mark 15:1-5

¹Early in the morning the **chief priests** with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to **Pilate**. ²**Pilate questioned** Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He **answered** him, “*It is as you say.*” ³The **chief priests** *began to accuse* Him harshly. ⁴Then **Pilate questioned** Him again, saying, “Do You not **answer**? See how many **charges** they bring against You!” ⁵But Jesus made no further **answer**; so **Pilate** was amazed.

- King of the Jews/Israel
 - Pilate, 15:2
 - Pilate, 15:9
 - Pilate, 15:12
 - Soldiers, 15:18
 - Pilate (Sign), 15:26
 - Chief priests, 15:32
- Pilate’s two questions
 - Are you the King of the Jews?
 - Do you not answer?

The substitute Mark 15:6-11

⁶Now at *the* feast he used to **release** for them *any* one prisoner whom they requested. ⁷The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. ⁸The crowd went up and began asking him *to do* as he had been accustomed to do for them. ⁹Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to **release** for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he was aware that the **chief priests** had handed Him over because of envy. ¹¹But the **chief priests** stirred up the crowd *to ask* him to **release** Barabbas for them instead.

- Background information
 - A custom
 - Barabbas the insurrectionist
 - The envy of the chief priests
- Pilate modifies the custom by suggesting a prisoner to release
- The justice of men releases the guilty
- The justice of God punishes His perfect Son as a substitute

The substitute Mark 15:12-15

¹²Answering again, Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They **shouted** back, “**Crucify** Him!” ¹⁴But Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they **shouted** all the more, “**Crucify** Him!” ¹⁵Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be **crucified**.

- The crowd has become the authority instead of Pilate
- Jesus was not convicted of any crime
- Jesus dies in the place of an insurrectionist
- The Jews want done to Jesus what they didn't want done to Barabbas

The mocked king Mark 15:16-20

¹⁶The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole *Roman* cohort. ¹⁷They dressed Him up in **purple**, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; ¹⁸and they began to acclaim Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him. ²⁰After they had mocked Him, they took the **purple** robe off Him and put His *own* garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

- Mocking in word and deed
- What was ridiculed
 - His position as King
 - His words
 - His power
- From exalted in heaven to “exalted” on a cross

The crucifixion of Christ

Mark 15:21-28

²¹They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.

²²Then they brought Him to the **place** Golgotha, which is translated, **Place** of a Skull. ²³They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. ²⁴And they **crucified** Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them *to decide* what each man should take. ²⁵It was the third hour when they **crucified** Him.

²⁶The inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

²⁷They **crucified** two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁸[And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."]

- What is done
 - Offered wine with myrrh
 - Clothes divided
- Setting
 - Third hour
 - Inscription: King of the Jews
 - Between two robbers

Fulfillments of Psalm 22

- Forsaken (v. 1)
- Mocked (v. 6-8, 12-13)
- Physical affliction (v. 14-17)
- Parceled out clothes (v. 18)
- Telling His brethren about God (v. 22)

The crucifixion of Christ

Mark 15:29-32

²⁹Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Ha! You who *are going to* destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰**save** Yourself, and **come down** from the **cross!**” ³¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, “He **saved** others; He cannot **save** Himself. ³²Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now **come down** from the **cross**, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

- Groups mocking Christ
 - The soldiers
 - Those passing by
 - The chief priests and scribes
 - Those crucified with Him
- Saviors don't think about saving themselves
- Jesus could save only by dying on the cross

The crucifixion of Christ

Mark 15:33-39

³³When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they *began* saying, “Behold, He is calling for **Elijah**.” ³⁶Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether **Elijah** will come to take Him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and **breathed His last**. ³⁸And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He **breathed His last**, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

- Times
 - 3rd hour (9:00 AM) crucifixion
 - 6th hour (12:00 PM) darkness
 - 9th hour (3:00 PM) death of Jesus
- Sin separates from God
- Crucifixion did not bring death this quickly

The crucifixion of Christ

Mark 15:40-41

⁴⁰There were also *some* women looking on from a distance, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and *there were* many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

- Women were also following Jesus as disciples
- What they were doing
 - Following Jesus
 - Ministering to Jesus

Summary

- Jesus' silence showed His reliance on God
- Jesus is a substitute for rebels against God
- Many mocked God's Son
- Salvation does not come in the way man thinks it will
- Jesus was forsaken of God so that we would be accepted
- Jesus' manner of death was unexpected
- How can we be ministering to God?