

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King Jesus Suffered and Died for You!

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Mark 15:1-20

Big Idea: Jesus, your humble, sovereign king suffered and died for you!

1. King Jesus _____ to God's eternal plan for our salvation (15:1-5)

Jesus was not a victim!

Jesus voluntarily laid his life down.

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

1 Peter 2:23

2. King Jesus _____ and became our substitute. (15:6-14)

*"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." **1 Peter 3:18***

3. King Jesus _____

_____ **for us to be reconciled to God. (15:15-20)**

Application:

1. Consider the price Jesus paid for your salvation.
2. Is Jesus worth it? Is Jesus worthy of your allegiance as king?

Is Jesus worthy of your faith?

Is Jesus worthy of your trust?

Is Jesus worthy of your obedience?

Is Jesus worthy of your love and devotion?

“But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:3

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Joshua 22-24; Luke 3**
- **Judges 1-3; Luke 4**
- **Judges 4-6**
- **Judges 7-8; Luke 5**
- **Judges 9-10**
- **Judges 11-12; Luke 6**
- **Judges 13-15**

Sermon questions

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1. Read **Isaiah 52:13-53:11**. How do you see these verses reflected in **Mark 15:1-20**?

2. Read **Mark 15:1-5**. Why do you suppose Jesus made no defense before Pilate?

3. Read **Mark 15:9-14**. How many times, essentially, did Pilate indicate he thought Jesus was innocent and that He should go free?

Read **John 18:38-39**. Do you think Pilate knew the right thing to do regarding Jesus? Have you ever been in a position where you knew what the right choice was, but still made the wrong choice? Explain.

4. Read **Mark 15:16-20**. Describe how the similarity of the soldiers' treatment of Jesus compares with how contemporary society tends to treat Jesus today. Describe how Jesus responded to the soldiers. What can you learn about God from these observations?

5. Read **Mark 11:7-11**. What was the attitude and the expectation of the Jewish people for Jesus in these verses?

Read **Mark 15:12-14**. What do you think happened to the Jews in the few days between these events?

Have the opinions of others or events in life ever caused you to doubt Jesus or change your beliefs about Him? Or, have you ever been angry or disappointed in your views or perceptions of what Jesus has or has not done for you? Explain.

6. Having studied this passage and heard Pastor Brad's sermon, what makes it worth it for you to follow Jesus today?

7. If you haven't already, at some point in following Jesus you will experience injustice. We all do. Three principles for how to handle injustice can be drawn from this passage: 1) let go of any expectation of justice; 2) stop trying to be heard; and 3) seek comfort in Christ. Do you think you can use these principles as a follower of Christ in your daily life? How specifically?