

Assignments on Mark 15

Please read Mark 15 and answer the following questions.

1. What did the Jewish leaders do in the morning, and where did they take Jesus – 15:1?
(Think: Who was Pilate and why would they take Jesus to him?)

2. What question did Pilate ask Jesus, and what answer did Jesus give – 15:2?

3. How did Jesus respond to the accusations made by the chief priests – 15:3-5?

4. **Special Assignment:** Why would Jesus not answer the Jewish accusations? Did Paul and the apostles always respond this way to accusations? Should we never answer when people make accusations against us? Explain.

5. What custom did the Roman governor have at the Passover – 15:6?

6. What other well-known prisoner did Pilate have in custody – 15:7? What crimes had he committed?

7. What request did the people make – 15:8? What did he suggest in response – 15:9?

8. What did Pilate know to be the true motive of the chief priests – 15:10? What reasons would they have to feel this way towards Jesus? How does this explain their conduct?

9. What choice did the rulers want the crowd to make regarding the prisoner to be released – 15:11? Why was this an unreasonable choice?

10. What question did Pilate ask them, and what did the people answer – 15:12,13?

11. What question did Pilate ask them then - 15:14? What does this show that Pilate had concluded about Jesus' guilt?

12. What did Pilate decide to do – 15:15? Why did he do this?

13. Define and describe scourging.

14. Describe the way the soldiers mocked Jesus – 15:16-19.

15. **Special Assignment:** Why do evil people treat good people like the soldiers treated Jesus? Why would this be difficult for Jesus to endure?

16. As they were taking Jesus to be crucified, who was compelled to help out – 15:20,21? What was he compelled to do?

17. Where was Jesus taken to be crucified – 15:22? What did they offer Him, and how did He respond – 15:23?

18. What was done with Jesus' clothing – 15:24? According to parallel accounts, what Old Testament passage did this fulfill?

19. Describe crucifixion.

20. What accusation was written above Jesus – 15:26? Who was crucified with Him – 15:27?

21. What Scripture did this fulfill and what does it say – 15:28?

22. What statement of Jesus was used to mock Him as He hung on the cross – 15:29,30?

23. What power of Jesus was questioned in 15:31? If He had this power, what did the people say He should do?

24. What the people say would happen if Jesus would come down from the cross – 15:32? How do we know the statement was untrue?

25. Explain why this mockery would have been so difficult for Jesus to endure.

26. **Case Study:** Luke 23:39-43 records that one of the thieves asked Jesus to remember him in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus responded that they would be together in Paradise. Many people use this event to argue that baptism is not necessary to be saved. How would you respond? (Hint: What law was in effect when Jesus forgave the thief?)

27. What miracle occurred as Jesus was on the cross – 15:33? What other miracles are listed in other accounts?

28. What did Jesus cry out as He was on the cross according to 15:34? What Old Testament passage is this quoting?

29. Explain in what sense the Father forsook Jesus on the cross.

30. For whom did some people think Jesus had called – 15:35,36? How did some people respond?

31. How is Jesus' death described in 15:37? How do other accounts describe His death?

32. **Special Assignment:** State some lessons we can learn about death from the death of Jesus. If resurrection is the opposite of death, what can we learn about resurrection?

33. What happened in the temple when Jesus died – 15:38? What might be the meaning of this?

34. What did the centurion say when Jesus died – 15:39? Why might he have said this?

35. What women observed the death of Jesus – 15:40,41? What we know about these women?

36. Who asked for the body of Jesus – 15:42,43? What day was this?

37. List some other things we know about this man.

38. What surprised Pilate about Joseph's request – 15:44? What did he do before giving Joseph the body?

39. How does this context help answer those who theorize that Jesus never really died on the cross?

40. How was the body of Jesus prepared for burial – 15:46? Who observed the burial?

41. **Case Study:** Describe the tomb in which Jesus was buried. How does the burial of Jesus help confirm the resurrection when the body disappeared three days later?