

Mark / Chapter 15

Short Summaries

The crowd chooses Barabbas over Jesus and demands that Jesus be crucified. Pilate washes his hands of the matter, and Jesus is crucified.

Roman soldiers mock and beat Jesus, then Crucify him. Jesus dies on the cross, and is buried in a nearby tomb.

Summaries

[Mark 15](#) in the Bible is the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Christ is betrayed by Judas, arrested, and brought before the Sanhedrin. He is then turned over to the Romans and is sentenced to death by crucifixion. Christ is crucified between two thieves, and his body is taken down and buried in a tomb.

The book of Mark tells the story of Jesus Christ, from his humble beginnings as a carpenter's son to his eventual crucifixion. Along the way, Jesus preaches the gospel and performs miracles, ultimately leading to his death on the cross.

Application Questions

What can we learn from the way the women responded to Jesus' death and burial?

([Mark 15:40-47; 16:1-8](#))

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to his disciples after his death? ([Mark 16:1-8](#))

What can we learn from Jesus about how to deal with suffering? ([Mark 15:21-32](#))

What was the significance of Jesus being crucified with thieves? ([Mark 15:27-28](#))

What motivated the soldiers to mock Jesus as he was dying on the cross? ([Mark 15:16-20](#))

What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us? ([Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-8](#))

How did Jesus' death fulfill prophecy? ([Mark 15:33-39](#))

Why did Pilate hand Jesus over to be crucified even though he knew he was innocent? ([Mark 15:1-15](#))

Exegetical Questions

What motivates the soldiers to mock Jesus?

How does this text portray Pilate?

What do the various details of Jesus' crucifixion tell us about the Roman practice of crucifixion?

What does the burial of Jesus tell us about his death?

How does the text portray Joseph of Arimathea?

What do we learn about Jesus from the way he responds to his crucifixion?

What does Jesus' death mean for us?

What does the text say about who was responsible for Jesus' crucifixion?

Observation Questions

What does Pilate do when he hears that Jesus is from Galilee?

Who asks for Jesus' body?

Why do the soldiers mock Jesus?

What do the soldiers do to Jesus?

How do they bury Jesus?

Who sees the empty tomb?

What accusation does the chief priest bring against Jesus?

How does Jesus die?

Group Discussion Questions

Why do you think Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus' body in [Mark 15:43](#)?

What do you think it meant when Pilate said to the people, "Behold your king!" in [John 19:14](#)?

What do you think Nicodemus and Joseph did with the 75 pounds of spices they prepared to bury Jesus in [John 19:39-40](#)?

What do you think it meant when the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom in [Mark 15:38](#)?

Why do you think Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" in [Mark 15:34](#)?

What do you think was going through Jesus' mind as He was crucified in [John 19:17-18](#)?

Why do you think Pilate was surprised when he found out Jesus was already dead in [Mark 15:44](#)?

Why do you think the soldiers mocked and abused Jesus before crucifying Him in [John 19:1-3](#)?