

Who Do You Say That I Am? Jesus is King
Mark 15:1-20
Matthew 27:1-2, 11-30, Luke 23:1-25, John 18:28-19:16
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I. King Jesus submits to the Father, Mark 15:1-5

- A. Religious leaders deliver Jesus to Pilate (v. 1)

- B. Pilate examines the charges against Jesus (vv. 2-4)

What are the charges against Jesus? (Mark 15:3, Luke 23:2-5)

Luke 23:2-5 “And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

- C. Herod examines the charges against Jesus (Luke 23:6-12)

Luke 23:6-12 “When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.”

- D. Jesus' silence amazes Pilate (v. 5)

John 19:10-11 “So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.”

Isaiah 53:7 “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth.”

Mark 14:36 “And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Isaiah 53:9-10 “And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”

Are you submissive to the will of the Father in all things?

II. King Jesus is our substitute, Mark 15:6-15

A. Pilate tries to release Jesus (vv. 6-10)

1. Pilate sees Barabbas' release as a way out
2. Pilate's wife has a nightmare and warns Pilate
Matthew 27:19 “Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”
3. Pilate sees that Jesus was handed over to him out of envy

What had Jesus done to make the religious leaders envious?

Is the sin of envy subtly present in your life?

B. The Chief Priests stir the crowd to release Barabbas (vv. 11-14)

Matthew 27:25 “And all the people answered, His blood be on us and on our children!”

Mark 11:9-10 “And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna is the highest!”

Are there any circumstances where you are going with the crowd?

C. Pilate gives the final death sentence to crucify Jesus (v. 15)

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for

the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,”

“They did not want the true Son of the Father. They wanted a different Jesus, a Jesus they could live with, a Jesus who would not make them feel guilty, a Jesus of this world. For two thousand years, the world has cried for a different Jesus, one more like us.” R.C. Sproul

III. King Jesus suffers on our behalf, Mark 15:15b-20

A. Pilate has Jesus severely beaten (v. 15b)

1 Peter 2:21-24 “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

B. The soldiers mock, humiliate, and lead Jesus to the cross, (vv. 16-20)

Are our hearts gripped with the reality of Jesus’ sufferings?

Who sentenced Jesus to be killed?

Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”