



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: A Crown of Suffering for a Glorious King

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Outline: Mark 15:1-20 | A Crown of Suffering for a Glorious King

- ❖ **Our King Surrendered to Earthly Powers for Our Salvation (15:1-15)**
 - The priests and scribes sacrificed Jesus for personal gain. (vv. 1-5, 10)
 - The people sacrificed Jesus for political gain. (vv. 6-14)
 - Pilate sacrificed Jesus for professional gain. (v. 15)
 - Jesus willingly surrendered himself for our gain. (vv. 1-15)
 - **Question:** How are we called to follow such a selfless king? Do you expect to have both the affirmation of the world and the blessing of God?
- ❖ **King Jesus Is Revealed Through the Foolishness of Humanity (15:16-20)**
 - The soldiers unwittingly depict Jesus' future coronation.
 - Jesus willingly suffered the mocking on his path to glory.
 - **Question:** All will one day worship Jesus. Will you worship him now or will you wait until it's too late to freely come?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: The only path to true glory is through Christlike humility.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

Mark 15:1-5

- What drove the chief priests and scribes to deliver Jesus to Pilate despite knowing He was innocent? How did their hatred for Jesus grow to the point of doing something like this? Where have you seen an increasing resistance to Jesus' leadership in your life or in someone's around you?

Mark 15:6-14

- What drove the crowd to choose Barabbas over Jesus? What does this passage reveal to us about the crowd's expectations on who the Messiah was supposed to be? Where do you see misaligned expectations like this today when it comes to who Jesus is? Are there ways in which you've sought a version of Jesus who serves your agenda rather than the real King?

Mark 15:15

- What drove Pilate to give in to the crowd, even though he believed Jesus was innocent? What pressures do you personally face that test your faithfulness to Jesus? Have you ever compromised your faith to protect your career, reputation, or personal goals?

Mark 15:1-15

- What drove Jesus to this level of humble surrender? How does Jesus' actions and posture here draw you closer to him? How do his actions and posture here increase your trust in him?

Mark 15:16-20

- What does the soldiers' mockery reveal about how the world often misunderstands true glory? Why does the world resist Jesus and his Kingdom? Where specifically in your life are you resisting to live more like Jesus? What is one specific way you can choose Jesus like humility this week? What is one specific way you can choose to glorify God rather than seek worldly recognition?