



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

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Outline: Mark 15:21-41 | The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

- ❖ ***The cross becomes unmistakably real (Mark 15:21-32)***
 - Simon represents how none of us are exempt from the need to be confronted by the cross. (v.21)
 - Jesus embraces being publicly shamed, crucified, and mocked by those he came to save. (vv.22-32)
 - **Question:** How are you embracing or avoiding obedience, especially in moments of suffering?
- ❖ ***The cross reveals God's sovereign response (Mark 15:33-41)***
 - Noonday becomes night and a desperate shout is met with deafening silence (vv.33-36)
 - Jesus takes his final breath. (v.37)
 - **Question:** In what ways might you be living like the veil is still untorn?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

Mark 15:21

- Simon of Cyrene was unexpectedly compelled to carry Jesus' cross. How does this moment reveal that each of us must be confronted by the cross of Christ? In what ways have you tried to keep the reality of the cross at a safe distance in your own life? What does carrying the cross mean for you? What does carrying it cost you?

Mark 15:22-32

- Jesus refused the wine in order to stay fully present in his current suffering. Why might Jesus' refusal of pain relief be significant to understanding His mission? Where in your life are you prioritizing comfort or safety over advancing the Kingdom? How can we discern when comfort is a blessing from God versus it becoming a barrier to following Him?

Mark 15:33-36

- When have you felt like God was distant or silent to your cries? How did you respond? Where can we go for encouragement during seasons when God feels far away?

Mark 15:37-39

- How has the reality of the cross personally shaped your view of who Jesus is? How can the simple sharing of our testimonies change the lives of those around us? Who in your life needs to hear your testimony of what Jesus has done for you?

Mark 15:38-41

- The temple curtain was torn in two, symbolizing direct access to God through Jesus. How should this truth change the way we approach God daily? In what ways might you be living as if God is still distant or inaccessible? What veils need to be removed from your life in order to draw closer to God?