

# Lion Man

## SERMON 11

TEXT: Mark 15

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Be sure to use the Mark reading guide as we study through this gospel.
  - Invite others to join us for worship Easter Sunday. Services at 8:30am and 10:30am.
  - Redeemer 101, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at FCS.
  - Serve Rocky Mount coming up April 15-21. Leaders, share info on your group's assignment.
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### LEADING OFF...

1. Have you ever had a time in your life you felt abandoned?
2. Why do we naturally fear abandonment?

**BIG IDEA: Jesus is the God who bled and died.**

### Read Mark 15:1-8

3. Why has the truth of our Big Idea become all too common to us, so that we sometimes fail to recognize it's outrageous implications?
4. What do we know about Pilate?
5. What do we know about Barabbus?
6. Why do you think Pilate brings Barabbus out to the crowd?

### Read Mark 15:9-15

7. How do the religious elite incite the crowd against Jesus?
8. How does religion always drive us away from the person of Jesus who saves?
9. Why does Pilate ultimately give in to the crowd?
10. In verse 15, "*Jesus is sentenced to death.*" Pause in silence for a moment. Meditate on these words and let them sink in.
11. What are the implications of Jesus allowing this to happen?

### Read Mark 15:16-20

12. Take a moment and discuss the humiliation Jesus endured by the soldiers who mocked Him and beat Him. We can never comprehend this, but share your thoughts and perspectives on His humiliation.
13. What is the significance of the thorns?

### Read Mark 15:21-25

14. Why might the names of Simon and his sons be mentioned?
15. Why was the wine mixed with myrrh offered to Jesus and why did He reject it?
16. Verse 24 says "*and they crucified Him.*" Take a few minutes and discuss the grace of this act.

### Read Mark 15:26-32, John 19:25-27

17. What might Mary the mother of Jesus have been experiencing at this moment?
18. How does Jesus minister to His mother in His final minutes on the cross?

**Read Mark 15:33-34, 37-39**

19. Jesus was abandoned by His Father. Why had Jesus been dreading this moment above all others?
20. What is the significance of this moment?
21. In the worst day of all history, grace comes to us. What are moments of grace we see here?

**Read Mark 15:42-47**

22. The Son of God is dead. He is laid in a garden tomb. What might be the significance of the garden tomb?

*“By the cross we know the gravity of sin, and greatness of God’s love towards us.” - John Chrysostom*

**Wrapping Up...**

23. How is it helpful to you to know that Jesus was abandoned in your place?

**“Nailed to the Cross”**

My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
The weight of guilt I bear no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

My sin is nailed to the cross  
My soul is healed by the scars  
Now I'm alive forevermore  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

It is finished, sin is vanquished  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord  
All the glory, all the honor  
To my Savior, Christ the Lord

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