

Mark: The Way to Wholeness Mason Stewart "A Way in Our Wilderness" 7/24/2022

Key Verses: Mark 15:21-39

Key Thought: As the crucifixion reveals the epitome of human brokenness, it ALSO reveals the epitome of God's love for broken humans, because– through the horror of the crucifixion–Jesus became our way to wholeness!

Points to Consider:

- It is difficult to trust Jesus and the gospel when overwhelmed by brokenness.
- The crucifixion reveals the epitome of human brokenness.
- Four "Facets" of Jesus in the Crucifixion
 - i. The Passover Lamb
 - ii. The True Temple
 - iii. The Anti-Adam
 - iv. The Servant-Christ
- More than following him on the way, Jesus himself is the way to wholeness.
- The crucifixion reveals the epitome of God's love for broken humans.
 - i. God loves you at your guiltiest.
 - ii. God loves you in the middle of your sufferings.
- Jesus meets us in the middle of our brokenness in order to lead us into wholeness.

Discussion Questions:

- When has brokenness made it difficult for you to trust God and the gospel?
- Which of the "facets" do you find most illuminating, and why?
- How does the crucifixion "speak" to our guilt?
- How does the crucifixion "speak" to our sufferings?
- How do you need Jesus to meet you in the middle of your brokenness?