

# Mark 15: 1-29

It is about Jesus

- The Betrayal
- The Denial
- The Arrest

- I. Interrogation
- II. Crucifixion
- III. Denunciation of Son of God

## I. Interrogation

**15:1** Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and **delivered Him to Pilate.**

- ALL Religious Leaders meet/consult/coffee/donuts?
  1. Official Daylight Trial vs Illegal trial night before
  2. **Bound Jesus:** Delivered Him to Pilate to be tried/executed
    - a) Jews lost right to execute criminals to Rome in 7 ad

**Charge:** "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." **Luke 23**

2 Then Pilate asked Him, "**Are You the King of the Jews?**" He answered and said to him, "**It is as you say.**"

- **I AM the legitimate King of the Jews:** Descendant in line of David
- **King David:**
  1. Anointed by Samuel
  2. Shepherd of Sheep
  3. Sandwich bearer to brothers
  4. Killer of Giants
  5. Friend of Jonathan
  6. Respectful to Saul
  7. Greatest King of Israel [1000bc]
  8. A man after God's own heart
  9. Your descendant will be the Messiah and sit on an Eternal Throne
- It is as you say...**I AM the rightful King of the Jews; Son of David**

Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "**I find no fault in this Man.**" Luke 23

3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He **answered**

**nothing.** 4 Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!" 5 But Jesus still answered nothing, so that **Pilate marveled.**

- **Pilate marveled:** No answer to the false-accusations of make-believers

**Proverbs 26:4** Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Or you will also be like him.

- Jesus would not grovel for His life. He would do what He said!

6 Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. 7 And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.

- **Feast:** Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread
- 1000's pour into Jerusalem to celebrate
- **Custom:** Rome to release one criminal during the feast
- **Barabbas:** Rebel chained fellow rebels. Murderers "terrorist" ; political enemy Rome

1. "Son of a Father": The son of God the Father would take his place

8 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over **because of envy.**

- Multitude "crying aloud" to release a prisoner. Of course it would be Jesus?
- Pilate: **"Release the King of the Jews?"**
  1. Release **King of the Jews:** Game to Pilate
  2. Envy: Pilate stirring up Religious Leaders
  3. Game gets more serious...

**John 19:19** While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "**Have nothing to do with that just Man,** for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

11 But the chief priests **stirred up the crowd,** so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

- Pilate stirring up Chief Priest
- Chief Priests "stir up" the crowd" ...Release Barabbas!!

12 Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom **you call the King of the Jews?"**

- **Pilate more reserved:** The one "you call"...The King of the Jews?"

### 13 So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

- Crucify Him?

14 Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

- What evil has He done? Crucify Him? Pilate is in deep. Crowd has decided...

**John 3:19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

- Wanting to gratify the crowd...that he **might be gratified by the crowd**
  1. Released Barabbas
  2. Scourged Jesus

**Isaiah 59:14** Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. [White/Black, True/False, Right/ Wrong, Wrong/Right] sin infested world

"As the Roman soldiers repeatedly struck the victim's back with full force, the iron balls would cause deep contusions, and the leather thongs and sheep bones would cut into the skin and subcutaneous tissues. Then, as the flogging continued, the lacerations would tear into the underlying skeletal muscles and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. Pain and blood loss generally set the stage for circulatory shock. The extent of blood loss may well have determined how long the victim would survive the cross." (Edwards)

- **Pilate:** People Pleaser; Surely this trivial bit of torture should pacify the crowd
- **Fear of man is a snare:** Pilate getting all snared up

16 Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. 17 And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, 18 and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

- **Soldiers led Him away to the Praetorium**
  1. Called together the entire garrison?
  2. Clothed with Purple
  3. Twisted a Crown of Thorns pressed it into His skull

4. Salute Him: Hail King of the Jews
5. Struck Him on the head with reed; thorns deeper

**Matthew 27:29** When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. [Took the reed; scepter, from His hand and beat his head]

6. Spit on Him
7. Bowed down in mock worship
8. Finished mocking tore the robe off coagulated back
9. Put His clothed back on and led him away to death

- **Before Crucifixion:** Back to Pilate

**John 19:4** [Read] Pilate then went out again, and said [the crowd], "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them...

## **"Behold the Man!"**

It is a strange, almost insane scene: a cruel, ruthless Roman governor trying to win the life of a miracle-working Jew against the strenuous efforts of both the Jewish leaders and the crowd. [Guzic]

- **Behold the man...**isn't this enough for you? Marred more than any man

**John 19:6** Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."<sup>8</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, <sup>9</sup> and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus,

### **"Where are You from?"**

- **Son of God: More afraid...**"Where are You from?"

**9b But Jesus gave him no answer.** 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, **but the Jews cried out, saying...**

"If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." [Blackmail]

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews,

### **"Behold your King!"**

15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them

**"Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered,  
"We have no king but Caesar!"**

**Matthew 27:24** When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

25 And all the people answered and said, **"His blood be on us and on our children."**

**Luke: 23:24** So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. 25 And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

- We have no King but Caesar: Rejecting Jesus as King of their life... they rejected God

**Psalms 47:6** Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth...

**1 Timothy 6:14** He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the **King of kings and Lord of lords**, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

**Revelation 19:15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, **"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."** 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, **"Come, assemble for the great supper of God..."**[His blood be on us/children]

**SUMMARY:** Interrogation: Rejected the King

## II. Crucifixion

21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

- Simon just passing by asked to carry the cross; Jesus humanity in view

"The severe scourging, with its intense pain and appreciable blood loss, most probably left Jesus in a pre-shock state. Moreover, hematidrosis had rendered his skin particularly tender. The physical and mental abuse meted out by the Jews and the Romans, as well as the lack of food, water, and sleep, also contributed to his generally weakened state. Therefore, even before the actual crucifixion, Jesus' physical condition was at least serious and possibly critical." (Edwards)

22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of

a Skull. 23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. 24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

- Stripped naked they played game for clothes as the nails were driven
- Prophesied in Psalm 22 next week
- **Wine mingled with Myrrh:** Numb pain, not accepted.
- Myrrh gift 32 years ago along w/ gold and frankincense: Came to die.

25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. 26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: **THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

- Crucified on Third Hour: 9am
- **Accusation:** The King of the Jews

**SUMMARY:** Crucifixion: Jesus would accept full punishment for our sin. Heinous sin to trample the blood of Christ by thinking we can add to what Jesus for our salvation did with our filthy rags.

### III. Denunciation: Reviling the Son of God

27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

- Nailed up between two common thieves; sinners like us:
- Isaiah 53

29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

- Those who passed by blasphemed:
  1. Wagging their heads
  2. Mocking among themselves
  3. Screaming: "Come down from that cross!"
  4. So your going to destroy the temple
  5. Save Yourself: Straight from the Devil's mouth
- Temptation was to call Legions of Angels
- The Temple was being destroyed:

**John 2:18** The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will

raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the **temple of His body**.

- For the joy set before Him He endured the cross...

He could not save others if He was to save Himself [JVM]

### **32b Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.**

- **Reviled:** Even those who were crucified with Him
- **Jesus is our example:**

**1 Peter 2:23** ...when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously...

- Jesus love those who reviled Him and He loves us...

## **Jesus Love You: Sixties Jesus Movement**

**Romans 5:6** ...when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Who would do this?**

- Reviled Him: What kind of Love puts up with this? **Unconditional**

**1 John 4:8** ... **God is love.** [Love is what held Jesus on the cross...not nails]

**Hebrews 1:3** [Jesus is] ...the brightness of [God's] glory ,the express image of His person...

**Colossians 1:15** [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God

- **Jesus is Love:**

**1 Corinthians 13:4** [Read] Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1. Jesus is Long-Suffering
2. Jesus is Kind
3. Jesus does not envy
4. Jesus does not parade Himself
5. Jesus is not puffed up
6. Jesus does not behave rudely
7. Jesus does not seek His own
8. Jesus is not provoked

- 9. Jesus thinks no evil
- 10. Jesus does not rejoice in iniquity
- 11. Jesus rejoices in the truth
- 12. Jesus Bears all things
- 13. Jesus believes all things
- 14. Jesus hopes all things

## 15. Jesus endures all things

### Can we endure a little for those that are hell bound around us?

**Mathew 5:43** [Read] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Jesus talked the talk and walked the walk.  
Jesus obeyed His Father no matter what the cost!

And ...For the joy set before Him, the **reward, pearl of great price, you and me...**He despised the shame...He endured the cross...just to be with us forever.

- Interrogation/Crucifixion
- **Jesus Love Demonstrated on the Cross:** 6 Hours
  1. **First 3 Hours** Physical Torment of Man
  2. **Last 3 Hours** Spiritual Torment...ALONE:

## IV. Forsaken: Completely Alone

**33** Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

- Darkness begins 6<sup>th</sup> hour; i.e. 12 noon to 3pm

**34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, **"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"**

- 3:00pm



## **“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”**

- Prophesied by David 1000 years before:

**Psalm 22:1** [Read] **My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?** Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest.<sup>3</sup> Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.<sup>4</sup> In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them.<sup>5</sup> To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.<sup>7</sup> All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,<sup>8</sup> “Commit yourself to the Lord; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.” <sup>9</sup> Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother’s breasts.<sup>10</sup> Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother’s womb.<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help.<sup>12</sup> Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.<sup>13</sup> They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.<sup>16</sup> For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; **They pierced my hands and my feet.**<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;<sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.<sup>19</sup> But You, O Lord, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog.<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion’s mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.<sup>22</sup> I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

- My God, My God why have you forsaken me? Spiritual Torment...Alone
- 4<sup>th</sup> of 7 Statements from the cross:
  1. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"
  2. "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise"
  3. [To Mary] 'Dear woman, here is your son,'[To John] 'Here is your mother'"
  4. **"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"**
  5. "I thirst"
  6. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"
  7. "It is finished"

## **My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?**

- **God the Father and God the Son:**
  - a) Always existed
  - b) Always together
  - c) Always in loving fellowship
  - d) Always in continuous communication:

**John 11:41** [Before saying “Lazarus come forth”] “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And **I know that You always hear Me...**

- Father does not answer the Son's pleas for deliverance/mercy

**Psalm 22:1b** Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but **You do not answer**

- Why would the Father turn away His beloved Son in Whom He was well pleased?
- Sin causes separation from a Holy God
- **Jesus was bearing the sin of all humanity in His body:**

**1 Peter 2:24** [...Jesus] bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Jesus not only endured the withdrawal of the Father's fellowship, but also the actual outpouring of the Father's wrath upon Him as a substitute for sinful humanity. [Guzic]

"Reader! one drop of this cup would bear down thy soul to endless ruin; and these agonies would annihilate the universe. He suffered alone: for the people there was none with him; because his sufferings were to make an atonement for the sins of the world: and in the work of redemption he had no helper." [Clarke]

**Isaiah 53:10** ...yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him

- **Jesus bore the sin AND Jesus became sin for us!**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** [God the Father]... made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- He who never sinned was made sin!
- The Holy One became sin:

**Numbers 21:8**

- People sinned: Complained that Moses delivered them to kill them in the desert
- God sent snakes as judgment for sin. Those bitten would die
- Moses prays: God gives remedy to save them from judgment:
  1. Make a bronze serpent
  2. Set it on a pole
  3. Tell those bitten to look at the serpent on the pole and live:
    - a) Some looked and lived
    - b) Others were too prideful and died!

**John 3:14** As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

- Serpent a picture of sin. Father could not look. Would not answer.
- Anyone who looked to the Cross seeing their own sin would live
  - a) Some will look and live
  - b) Some will be too prideful and die

## Jesus Separation from the Father?

- Shock would be indescribable: Jumping into a vat of liquid nitrogen, molten metal
- Holy becoming Horrific:
  1. All that is good
  2. All the is true
  3. All that is right
  4. All that is beautiful
  5. All that is merciful
  6. All that is gracious
  7. All that is light
  8. All that is love
  9. All that is pleasant
  10. Separated from everything that blesses **physically, emotionally, spiritually**

**Psalm 22:6** But I am a worm and not a man...

**Alone, hopeless, "darkness you could feel", no man to help.  
No God to Save. No Father to Listen.  
ALONE bearing the ugliness of the sin of mankind in His body.  
Jesus became sin for us!**

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"<sup>35</sup> Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!"<sup>36</sup> Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."

- Eloi [God] not "Elijah: **Aramaic**

**Separation:** Incompressible Spiritual suffering. Not Hell as some would teach, but certainly a hell-like experience. Jesus took the full wrath of God for our sin. Bore our sin and became our sin.

## V. Finished

**John 19:25** Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold your son!**" 27 **Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"** And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

- **Jesus to John and Mary:** 4 of 7

**John 19:28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "**I thirst!**" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

- **I Thirst:** 5 of 7
- **Gave him sour wine:**

**Psalms 69:21** [David] They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Luke 23:46** ...**Jesus**, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit."

- **Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit:** 6 of 7
- Noon

**37** And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

**John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

### **7 of 7: It is Finished!**

- Gr. Tetelestai: Paid in Full: 7 of 7

**Colossians 2:13** [We] being dead in [our] trespasses ... He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven [all our] trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- **Provision for Salvation:**
  1. Jesus fulfilled the Law
  2. Lamb without blemish
  3. Perfect Sacrifice

**Hebrews 9: 22** Without the... shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness of sin]

### **Jesus separation from the Father gave us access to the Father**

- Behold the Lamb who takes away the sin of the whole world!

### **38 Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.**

- At 3 pm the priest would be serving in the Temple and watching this!
- Temple Veil separated sinners from the Holy of Holies:
- High Priest would meet with God on our behalf hoping sacrifice is accepted
- Only the High Priest had this kind of access to a Holy God

...until the veil was torn from **top to bottom. Torn by God after it was finished**

**Hebrews 10:19** [We have]... **boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- We can now draw near to God entering into the Holy of Holies
- Washed by the blood of Jesus: Free access to the Throne of Grace
- Access to God is available:
  1. Some will accept, believe and live
  2. Some will be too proud and die...

## **VI. Forgiven**

**39 So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said...**

**"Truly this Man was the Son of God!"**

- Centurion stood opposite Him saw "how He cried out like this"

### **Father into your hands I commit my Spirit...It is Finished!**

Jesus was in complete control even on the cross, and He used that control to perfectly submit to His Father. "He gave up his life because He willed it, when He willed it, and as He willed it." [Augustine]

- Centurion who stood opposed to Him believed! Simple faith that's all

## The Centurion Looked upon the Cross and was Healed

- Do we stand opposed to Jesus? Will we give up access to God by simple faith?
- Centurion is saved!

40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, 41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. 42 Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

- Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus body to bury in his tomb

... It was not at all uncommon for a body to be left upon a cross either to rot or to be eaten by predatory birds or animals." [Lane]

- Joseph of Arimathea:
  1. Wealthy
  2. Member of Sanhedrin [Jewish Council]
  3. Waiting for the Kingdom of God
  4. Undercover follower now steps out in faith; Courageous
  5. Pilate concedes and Joseph takes the body of Jesus

44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

- Jesus died quicker than most on the cross: 6 Hours

45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

- Joseph
  1. Wraps body of Jesus in fine linen
  2. Takes His body off the cross
  3. Puts His body in his own expensive tomb cut out of rock
  4. Sealed with Stone
  
- Note: Woman the last to leave the Cross and will be First to get to the tomb!
- Disciples/Apostles no where to be found
- Centurion and Joseph both save by simple faith:
  1. Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him. v32b
  2. As Jesus and two criminals crucified: **First words from the cross...**

**"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"**

- **Both reviled Jesus:**
  1. One would repent, believe and live
  2. Other: Continue in his pride and die...
  3. Both started out reviling Jesus...

**Luke 23:39** [Read] One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" <sup>43</sup> And He said to him, **"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."**

- 2 of 7: **"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise "**
  1. Joseph of Arimathea would live: Overcame fear of man put faith in Jesus
  2. Pilate would die because he feared man, desired the applause of men
  3. The Centurion would live because of his simple faith in Son of God
  4. One thief would die in pride and live apart from God forever
  5. One thief would repent and be with Jesus forever

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**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...

**Matthew 25:32** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

[The King will say to those on His left] <sup>41</sup> "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### **Simple faith:**

**Titus 3:4** ...when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.