

Mark 11-16: Passion and Victory

“Perspectives from the Cross”

Mark 15:21-47

Death by crucifixion is one of the cruelest and most degrading forms of punishment ever devised by human perversity, even in the eyes of the pagan world of old. Josephus described it as “the most wretched of all ways of dying,” and the shudder caused by the cross as an instrument of execution is still reflected in the English word “excruciating.”

1. Pagan Romans and Godless Jews

- **Callous Indifference** (vv.24-27)
- **Hostile Mockery** (vv.29-32, 35-36)

2. The Son on His Cross

- **Full Acceptance of Mission** (vv.22-23)
- **Full Measure of Wrath** (v.34)
- **Full Triumph of Redemption** (v.37)

3. The Father on His Throne

- **Mourning Displayed** (v.33)
- **Access Granted** (v.38)

4. Men and Women of Faith

- **Bold Confession** (v.39)
- **Silent Grief** (vv.40-41, 47)
- **Loving Service** (vv.21, 42-46)