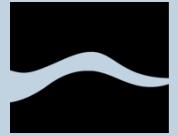


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS CRUCIFIXION

Mark 15:16-32



BIG IDEA: Jesus' crucifixion shows us that he is the true King who refused to save himself so that he could save sinners.

APPLICATION GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

DISCUSS

What is something you have willingly given up or gone without because you loved someone else?

Most of the sacrifices we make for people we love are relatively small. But sometimes love requires an enormous cost. In Mark 15, we see the greatest example of that: Jesus refuses to save himself because he has come to save sinners.

EXPLORE

In verses 16–20, what do the soldiers say and do to mock Jesus as a king? What is ironic about their actions?

Read verses 24–27. What details does Mark emphasize about Jesus' crucifixion, and what do they reveal about who Jesus is and why he died?

In verses 29–32, what do the three groups of mockers say about Jesus? What is unknowingly true about the statement, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

APPLY

Where are you tempted to be ashamed of Jesus or hesitant to identify openly with him when others dismiss or mock him?

The cross shows both the seriousness of our sin and the greatness of Christ's grace. Which do you tend to minimize—your need for forgiveness or Christ's willingness to forgive you?

Where are you currently tempted to say, "Jesus, if you really love me, then do this"? What would it look like to trust him without demanding that he prove himself on your terms?

COMMIT

What is one specific area of your life where you need to see Jesus as King, worship him for what he has done, or trust him because he stayed on the cross for you this week?