

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN *in the* WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

(JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson SEVENTEEN...The Death of the Messiah (Mark 15:16-47)

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INTRO

JESUS at the PRAETORIUM

- **Praetorium:** The Roman Governor's Court and Judgment Hall.

Mark 15:16-47 (NKJV)¹⁶ Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison.

- **A cohort or garrison...**(CWSB Dictionary) Spoken of Roman foot soldiers, probably a cohort (numbering between four hundred and six hundred).
- **"...they called together the whole garrison".**
- **Jesus quietly bore the wrath of the Romans.**

Matt 26:53-54 (NLT)⁵³ Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?⁵⁴ But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

Mark 15:17 **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.

- **The purple**
- **Crown of thorns...**

Gen 3:17-19 (NLT)¹⁷ And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸ It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains.¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

Gen 5:28-29 (NKJV)²⁸ Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. ²⁹ And he called his name Noah, saying, "This *one* will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."

Deut 28:15 (NLT)¹⁵ "But if you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you:

OK, Elaine, what is your point?

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

Gal 3:10-14 (NLT)¹⁰ But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law."

¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." ¹² This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life." ¹³ But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴ Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

JESUS BROUGHT TO GOLGOTHA and CRUCIFIED

Mark 15:21 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.

- *...they compelled...to bear His cross...*

Matt 5:41 (NLT)⁴¹ If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.

- *Simon a Cyrenian...*

Romans 16:13 (NLT)¹³ Greet Rufus, whom the Lord picked out to be his very own; and also his dear mother, who has been a mother to me.

Mark 15:22 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*.

- *Which is translated...*
- *Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull...*
- *wine mingled with myrrh*

Mark 15:24 **And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.**

- *...crucified him...*
- *...divided up his garments* ...David prophesied this in **Psalms 22:12-18** (NASB Strong's (Lockman))

¹² Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.

¹³ They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.

¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;

¹⁸ They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.

John 19:24 (NASB Strong's (Lockman)) 24 So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."

Mark 15:25 **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.**

John 19:19-22 (NLT)¹⁹ And Pilate posted a sign over him that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²⁰ The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.²¹ Then the leading priests objected and said to Pilate, "Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'He said, I am King of the Jews.'"²² Pilate replied, "No, what I have written, I have written."

Mark 15:27 **With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.**

- *Robbers...*

Mark 15:28 **So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*And He was numbered with the transgressors.*"**

Mark 15:29 **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!"**

Mark 15:31 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." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

The DEATH of JESUS

Mark 15:33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

- Sixth hour is noon. The ninth hour is 3 PM.
- Christian apologist Tertullian

Guzik: "Origen (Contra Celsus, ii, 33) and Eusebius (Chron.) quote the writing of Phlegon (a Roman historian) in which he makes mention of an extraordinary solar eclipse as well as of an earthquake about the time of the crucifixion." (Geldenhuys)

Phlegon, Roman historian: "In the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad, there was an extraordinary eclipse of the sun: at the sixth hour, the day turned into dark night, so that the stars in heaven were seen; and there was an earthquake." (cited in Clarke)

Guzik: *This is especially remarkable because during a full moon – which Passover was always held at – a natural eclipse of the sun is impossible.*

Mark 15:34 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?"

Psalms 22:1 (NKJV) To the Chief Musician. Set to 'The Deer of the Dawn.' A Psalm of David. My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

- **Forsaken...**To utterly abandon or desert. It carries the idea of a willful decision to do so.

How about you and me? Have we come to appreciate what the death of Jesus means to you personally? Have we received the free gift of life evermore with God through the sacrifice of His one and only son?

Mark 15:35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!"³⁶ 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 or Elijah?

Mark 15:37 **And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.**

- **Luke** records some of what Jesus said...*“Father, into Your hands I commit MY spirit.”*

John 19:30 ...“It is finished!”

The TORN VEIL

Mark 15:38 **Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.**

- **GotQuestions.org** says that Solomon's temple was 30 cubits high (**1 Kings 6:2**), but Herod had increased the height to 40 cubits, according to the writings of Josephus, a first century Jewish historian. ... (the) veil was somewhere near 60 feet high. An early Jewish tradition says that the veil was about four inches thick, but the Bible does not confirm that measurement.
- **The veil in the temple hung between the holy place and the Holy of Holies which housed the Ark of the Covenant and over which the presence of God's glory overshadowed.**
- **The veil was torn from top to bottom...**

Heb 10:19-22 (NLT)¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

The CAPTIVATED CENTURION

Mark 15:39 **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!"**

The DEVOTED WOMEN

Mark 15:40 **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.**

Gen 2:18 (NLT)¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

<H5826> (*ʿazar*); *aid* :- help. From a primitive root; to *surround*, i.e. *protect* or *aid* :- help, to come to the assistance of; to support

Psalms 70:5b (NLT)... You are my **Helper** and my Savior; O Lord, do not delay.

Gen 3:16 (NLT)¹⁶ Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.

The COURAGEOUS COUNCIL MEMBER

Mark 15:42 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. ⁴⁴ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

- *...coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus...*

Mark 15:46 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 Joseph observed where He was laid.

John 19:38-41 (NLT) ³⁸ Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. ³⁹ With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. ⁴⁰ Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. ⁴¹ The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before.

In CLOSING...

¹¹ *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep;
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.*

¹² *The night is far spent, the day is at hand.*

Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:11-12 (NKJV)

NEXT LESSON: April 28th Lesson EIGHTEEN He is Risen! (Mark 16:1-20)