

Mark 15:1-32 – 3 October 2021

“The Mockery of the Man”

Introduction

- *Jesus Christ has come into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly ministry & life to die for our sins
- *Jesus has his face like a flint set on the cross for the joy that comes just beyond it
- *With the cross as the method, Jesus' goal is to usher us into eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven
- *Chap 14 we saw Jesus' arrest in the Garden by Jews
- *Opening Chap 15 we see they've turned Him over to the Romans and Gov Pilate
- *Our goal thru Mark isn't to get the full composite sketch of all the event or says from the cross, but to see Peter's perspective as recorded thru Mark
- *Thru the trial & crucifixion we see today, he's bringing out the sheer mockery that Jesus Christ had to endure to complete the mission

Today, 3 aspects of the mockery Christ endured to complete the mission of saving our souls

1st Aspect of their mockery: They mocked the Man's mission to save (Vs 1-15)

Read Vs 1

1. Why did the Jews bring Jesus to Pilate?
 - a. B/c Romans didn't allow Jew capital punishment
 - b. Since 7AD Rome took this right from Israel
2. This was a BIG problem for the Jews
 - a. Rabbis mourned seeing this as broken prophecy
 - b. Read Gen 49:10 – “Scepter shall not depart”
 - c. Yet God's Word hadn't been broken b/c
Jesus was just born a few years before!
3. Jesus has been living to the mission to die,
since He was born, but they didn't get it!

Read Vs 2

1. Speaks to how they misunderstand His mission
2. Jesus wants them to know that THEY still think He's here as a political/military leader but He came to spiritually lead their hearts
 - a. That's the mission!

Read Vs 3-5

1. Read Isa 53:7 “Afflicted yet opened not mouth”
 - a. B/c you don’t have to defend every false claim that the world would throw at you
 - b. Christ knew His mission, the time for talking was done, this is the time for action!
2. John says when Jesus was silent, Pilate said, “Don’t you know I have the power to crucify you?”
 - a. That is the mission!
 - b. Jesus is fully aware of the evil in man that will allow for His mission’s completion

Read Vs 6-8

1. This is even the reason Jewish leaders brought Jesus to Pilate
 - a. They knew Pilate was favorable to them during the Passover, wanting Jesus dead
 - b. Willing to take a murderous rioter instead
2. Jesus didn’t deliver from Rome as they wanted
3. People always looking for the temp, not perm

Read Vs 9-13

1. Juxtaposition between Barabbas (the son of the father) & Jesus (the REAL Son of the Father) is stunning.
 - a. They wanted a political hero (who was a great sinner) more than the spiritual hero (who was here to open eternity)
2. Willing to have Jesus dead b/c He looked to the eternal & wouldn't further their temp earthly goals
 - a. People everywhere still do this
 - b. Living for the wrong mission
 - i. Jesus knew His mission; do you know yours?

Read Vs 14-15

1. Pilate was tortured by this decision but did what he thought his political career needed for peace
2. The fleshly man settles for short-term peace
3. The spiritual man strives for the eternal reward
 - a. It's Kingdom work to give the Gospel
 - b. It's kingdom work to look beyond yourself to the big mission that God has for your life

2nd Aspect of their mockery: They mocked the Man's merit as King (Vs 16-20)

Read Vs 16-18

1. They mocked the reality that He deserved to be recognized as King of all
2. Jesus is the worthy, sinless, Lord & Son of David
3. He was right Man for mission, they didn't see it

Read Vs 19-20

1. To be put to death is one thing
 - a. That doesn't have to involve hatred or spite
 - b. But to be mocked and put down, demonstrates a complete lack recognition
2. The only true words that Pilate truly said were at this time, “Behold the Man”
 - a. Jesus, He is the Man, the true & rightful King
3. Mockery means - they “played w/ Him”, they used Him as their toy
 - a. They misused their earthly power b/c they didn't think on the spiritual – do we do that?

3rd Aspect of their mockery: They mocked the Man's might being blind (Vs 21-32)

Read Vs 21

1. Jesus is staying within the confined of being the perfect sinless Man to fulfill the mission.
2. At Garden arrest – Read Matt 26:53-54
3. He has the might to change everything, but that would fail at providing our prophesied salvation

Read Vs 22-23

1. Jesus had no interest in deadening the pain
2. Speaks to His willing to endure the cross for us

Read Vs 24-25

1. Parting the garments; just another fulfillment of the 306 prophecies of His life and death
 - a. Turn to Psm 22:7, 12-19
 - b. You can plan some of your life, but not your birth & certainly not your death
2. Jesus wasn't being weak; He was willing choosing to be the sacrificial Lamb of God

Read Vs 26-28

1. Not thief or murderer, but a claim of kingship
2. Read Isa 53:12
 - a. He did this to “bear the sins of many”
 - b. This is true might – true meekness
 - i. When you have the power to change course but don’t
 - ii. When you have the power to live for self, but choose to pour yourself out for others
3. Jesus had all might & choose to use it for God’s glory and to serve Him

Read Vs 29-32

1. God’s will and mission are infinitely more important than man’s will and desires
 - a. He’s already given them every reason to see and believe
2. Them wanting Him to come off the cross would be in direct contradiction to the mission
 - a. In His great power, He choose to die for us

Conclusion

Jesus didn't just die for you; He was willing to be abused and mocked for your salvation & eternal life

1. **They mocked Jesus' mission to save**
 - a. He was born to give His life – that's the mission
2. **They mocked Jesus' merit as King**
 - a. He is the perfect, sinless Lamb of God
3. **They mocked Jesus' might being blind**
 - a. He has all ability to change the game, but didn't...for our benefit

How about you? Are you willing to endure mockery for being associated w/ Jesus? (Read Matt 10:22)

1. This is our task, to recognize Jesus' mission, merit and might
2. Now realize, in Christ, we have His life in us
 - a. We have His mission to preach the mission
 - b. We have His merit as clean new creations
 - c. We have His might by power of the H.S.
3. Read Heb 12:2-3