

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### The Crucified King

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Mark 14:53-62 (NLT) They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. <sup>54</sup> Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. <sup>55</sup> Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. <sup>56</sup> Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. <sup>57</sup> Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony: <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But even then they didn't get their stories straight! <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus, "Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup> Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- **Jesus is claiming to be God in the flesh, the Judge of the world.**

Mark 14:63-65

Mark 15:1-24

Psalms 22:7-18

Mark 15:25-33 (NLT) It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. <sup>30</sup> Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! <sup>32</sup> Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. <sup>33</sup> At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

- **In the Bible darkness is a sign of God's displeasure and judgment.**

Mark 15:34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned [forsaken] me?"

- **Jesus was experiencing judgment for our sin.**

- **Jesus was forsaken by God so that we would never have to be forsaken.**

- **Spiritual darkness comes when we turn away from God as our true light and make something else the centre of our lives.**

- **Spiritual darkness (turning away from God) leads to disorientation & disintegration.**

Isaiah 13:9-13

Mark 15:35-39 (NLT) Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. <sup>36</sup> One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!" <sup>37</sup> Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

**Big Idea: Centre your life on Jesus, the True Light who extinguishes all spiritual darkness.**

- **What or who are you orbiting your life around today more than Jesus?**

*Jesus our Saviour and King. You are the True Light who extinguishes all darkness in my life. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one comes to the Father apart from you. Thank you for loving me and dying for me. Help me to reorient my whole life around you. Fill me with your love through the Holy Spirit that I might centre all my thoughts, longings, and actions on you and your good purposes. I embrace you today as my way, my truth and my life, and may my life bring you much glory. Amen*

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*



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  - In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
  - How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
  - How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?
- 3) Can you remember a time when you were hindered by darkness in some way? How would light have made a difference in that situation?
- 4) Read Mark 14:53-65. What do you find significant about the trial of Jesus?
- 5) Read Mark 15:1-24 and highlight the ways that we see Jesus suffering injustice. Reflect on Psalm 22. How does this psalm mirror the crucifixion scene?
- 6) Read Mark 15:25-34. How does this darkness reveal God’s judgment? Why did God forsake and abandon Jesus? How does this make you feel?
- 7) In what way does spiritual darkness come into our lives when we turn away from God as our True Light and centre our lives on other things, and how have you experienced this? How does spiritual darkness lead to disorientation and disintegration?
- 9) Read Mark 15:35-39. What surprises you about the response of the Roman officer? How does his response compare to your heart response to Jesus?
- 10) What or who are you centring your life on more than Jesus? How would God have you respond today?

**Consider praying this prayer of commitment:** *Jesus our Saviour and King. You are the True Light who extinguishes all darkness in my life. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one comes to the Father apart from you. Thank you for loving me and dying for me. Help me to reorient my whole life around you. Fill me with your love through the Holy Spirit that I might centre all my thoughts, longings, and actions on you and your good purposes. I embrace you today as my way, my truth and my life, and may my life bring you much glory. Amen*



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