

Had A Rough Week

The Murder

Mark 15:21-39

Big Idea: Jesus was forsaken so that we will never be.

1. The world has changed greatly in the last few weeks. What is one major adjustment you have had to make?
2. Read Mark 15:21-25. What do you think Simon's reaction was when he was asked to carry the cross of Jesus? What thoughts would be running through your mind if you were the one who was chosen?
3. Describe Jesus' reaction when he was offered the wine. Why was it important that Jesus felt the full effects of suffering on the cross?
4. Why was the charge "King of the Jews" written at the top of the cross only partially true?
5. Read Mark 15:27-32. Examine this passage closely. Name all the different groups of people who were humiliating and mocking Jesus.
6. Read Mark 15:33-34. Jesus had been forsaken by countless people yet when he died he cried out about God forsaking him. Why was God's forsaking more significant than any others?
7. Consider the disciple's points of view of Jesus dying on the cross. What do you think was going through their mind?
8. Read John 19:30. What did Jesus mean by "It is finished"? How do those words impact our lives today?
9. Read Mark 15:36-39. Explain the significance of the temple curtain. What was the significance of the curtain being torn?
10. What are some practical steps we can take to be more aware of the presence of God in our life?
11. Even in the suffering, we can find new ways to experience Jesus. What are some ways God has shown himself in your life these past few weeks?