

Had a Rough Week

The Compromise

Mark 15:1-15

1. What does the word “compromise” bring to mind? What was a positive compromise you have made in your life? What was a negative one you have made?
2. **Read Mark 15:1-5.** Look at the groups of people who arrested Jesus and brought him to Pilate. What did all of the groups have in common?
3. Did these groups impose their will upon Jesus? How was this part of Jesus’ greater plan?
4. Why do you think Jesus did not give an answer to Pilate? What impact did that have on Pilate?
5. **Read Mark 15:6-11.** What was it about Jesus that intimidated the religious elite?
6. In what way does every Christ follower relate to Barabbas? Why is the name of Barabbas (“son of the father”) so significant?
7. **Read Mark 15:12-15.** What do these verses tell us about the fallen condition of humanity? What lessons can we take from the reaction of the crowd (see also Mark 11:9-10)?
8. What was Pilate’s chief goal? Why is it critical for Christians to not be swayed by popular opinion?
9. In what ways is the world tempting you to compromise when it comes to Jesus?
10. **Read John 19:1 and Isaiah 52:14.** What was flogging? Describe what flogging did to a human body.
11. **Read John 19:5-6.** What must have Jesus looked like? What condition must the hearts of the people have been to shout, “Crucify!”?
12. **John 19:10-11.** What does Jesus’ response tell us about the sovereignty of God? How does God’s sovereignty comfort you at a time like this?