

Sermon Discussion Questions
The Truth About the Cross | Mark 15:21-39

1. **Opening Question:** What's something you've had to wait for that only made sense in hindsight—but felt confusing or hard in the moment?

2. **Read** Mark 15:21-39

3. What stands out to you most about the scene of the crucifixion in Mark 15:21–39? What emotions or reactions does it stir?

4. The sermon said Good Friday only becomes “good” in hindsight. Why do you think it's important to sit in the sorrow of Good Friday instead of rushing to Easter?

5. How does the connection between Jesus and Isaac deepen your understanding of Jesus as the “beloved Son”? What similarities or differences stood out to you?

6. **Read** Genesis 22:1-14. Abraham trusted that “God will provide.” Where do you see that same theme of God’s provision fulfilled in Jesus on the cross?

7. **Read** Exodus 12:12-13. The sermon connected the Passover lamb to Jesus. Why is it significant that Jesus is not just a teacher or example—but a substitute sacrifice?

8. The sermon emphasized that “a life must be given—either a son or a lamb.” How does that challenge or shape the way you think about sin, justice, and forgiveness?

9. The sermon ended by saying, “Now you know that God loves you, because he did not withhold his Son.” How does the cross personally affect the way you view God’s love for you?