

Text: Mark 15:33–39; 16:1–7

Supporting Scriptures: Mark 10:45; Isaiah 53:5; John 10:17–18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 15:17

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, one question keeps surfacing: **Who is this Man?** The disciples watched Jesus heal the sick, forgive sins, command demons, calm storms, and call people to follow Him. Yet it is in the closing chapters of Mark that His identity and mission become fully clear. Jesus did not come simply to teach, perform miracles, or show us how to live. Jesus came to give His life for us and rise again.

1. Jesus Is the King Who Suffered for Us - Mark 15:16–20, 31–32

The cross was not an interruption of Jesus' mission. The cross was His mission. The religious leaders mocked Jesus by saying, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.” Yet without realizing it, they were describing what Jesus had chosen to do. **Love held Him there.** The cross reminds us of something we should never forget we are deeply loved by God.

1. Why is it important to understand that Jesus willingly gave His life rather than simply being the victim of circumstances?

2. What does the statement “**Love held Him there**” teach us about God's love for us?

3. When you struggle to believe that God loves you, how can looking again at the cross change your perspective?

2. Jesus Is the King Who Gave His Life for Us - Mark 15:33–39

2 Cor 5:21 - Jesus took what belonged to us so that we could receive what belongs to Him. Our sin for His righteousness. Our guilt for His forgiveness. Our condemnation for His grace. Our death for His life. This is the Gospel.

Mark 15:38 - “Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

Discussion Questions

1. What does the exchange described in 2 Corinthians 5:21 teach us about what Jesus accomplished on the cross?

2. Why is the tearing of the temple curtain from **top to bottom** significant? What does it teach us about salvation?

3. Why do you think Mark highlights the Roman centurion's declaration, "Truly this Man was the Son of God"? What had the centurion seen in Jesus?
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3. Jesus Is the King Who Rose and Gives Us Hope - Mark 16:1–7

Early Sunday morning, the women went to the tomb carrying spices. They were not expecting Jesus to be alive. They were expecting to find His body. Their question was: "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" **They were worrying about a problem God had already solved.**

1 Corinthians 15:17: "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"

Mark 16:7 - "But go, tell His disciples **and Peter** that He is going before you into Galilee." **Because Jesus lives, your story isn't over.**

Discussion Questions

1. The women worried about a stone God had already moved. What are some things we worry about that we need to trust God with?

2. Why is the resurrection essential to the Christian faith? What difference does the resurrection make in the way we face suffering, uncertainty, and death?

3. Why do you think the angel specifically said, "**and Peter**"? What does Peter's story teach us about failure, forgiveness, and restoration?

Three Responses

- 1. Receive What Jesus Accomplished for You** - Salvation is received, not earned.
- 2. Bring Your Failure to the Risen Jesus** - Failure does not have to be final.
- 3. Keep Following Jesus** - Lordship is not a one-time decision. It is a daily surrender.