

the gospel of
MARK

The Cross and the Curtain

(and 3 Unlikely Models of Discipleship!)

Mark 15:16-47; Ps. 22; Amos 8

Review: The Passion Week

- *Why all this?!*

(1) THIS is the culmination of Jesus' mission!

- He came *to pay the debt we couldn't* so that sinful man could be in fellowship with God.

(2) Jesus ministry was NOT to '*provide a model of good moral behavior*'.

- We MUST GET THIS

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- *vv. 16-20 The Guards mock Jesus*
 - A shot at Jesus AND the Jewish nation as a whole
- *v 21 Simon the Cyrene (#1)*
 - A theme persists: Many miss God's intention
 - (the fig tree, the 2 small coins, the bread/wine)
 - A Picture of Discipleship:
 - It means Death to My Agenda to fulfill HIS!

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- *vv. 22-32 The Crucifixion*
 - Jesus rejects the wine/myrrh. Why?
 - Three groups mock Jesus:
 - 1) The “passers-by”
 - 2) The Chief Priests and the Scribes
 - 3) The two criminals on his right and left

-Psalm 22

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- *vv. 33-39 The Confession in the Darkness*
 - The Darkness: Amos 8:9-10; Ex. 10:21-23
 - The Cry: “*Eloi, Eloi..*” Mark 1:3; Is. 40:3; Ps. 22
 - The Crowd: misses it x2!
 - The Centurion (#2): *What did he see?*
 - The Curtain: torn “*top to bottom*”

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- *vv. 40-41, 4 The Presence of the Women*
 - It is the women who remain, follow and watch
 - In Jewish culture, women had no authority/power
 - not allowed to provide court testimony
 - Their inclusion here *AS PRIMARY WITNESSES* attests to truth!
 - No one perpetrating a hoax would want women (or shepherds) as their star witness!

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- *vv. 42-46 What do we do now?!*
 - More notes on Death by Crucifixion
 - Insurrection/treason forfeits ceremony/funeral
 - Joseph of Arimathea (#3)* “boldly” went to Pilate...
 - 1) Not a relative
 - 2) Convicted of High Treason
 - 3) A public declaration of his allegiance to Jesus!

Application/Prayerful consideration

1) *Like Simon the Cyrene:* What are the burdens YOU have been asked to shoulder? In what areas do you struggle to die to your agenda to live for His?

2) *Like the Centurion:* Is Jesus the Son of God or not? There is no middle ground, and we all must reckon to this question!

3.) *Like Joseph of Arimathea:* Where do you lack the courage to declare your allegiance to Jesus regardless of what it costs you?