

The King on the Cross

Mark 15:16-32

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I. Mock worship of the King. Mark 15:16-20

Jesus wore a purple robe, a crown of thorns, and was given a reed for a scepter. A scepter represented the authority and power of a king. They gave Jesus these items to _____ our King.

- This is a tough portion of scripture, because as we sit here and listen to all that happened to Jesus, we realize that like Barabas, we actually _____ what Jesus was receiving for our sin.

II. Would you carry the Cross for the King? Mark 15:21-24

"The weight of the entire cross was typically 300 pounds. Typically, the victim carried only the _____, which weighed anywhere from 75 to 125 pounds." (David Guzik)

- Jesus refused the pain and mind-numbing drink, rather He chose to face the terror, completely _____ of what He was accomplishing as He sacrificed His life. **Psalm 69:20-21**

Everything Jesus did was necessary for our salvation in His great work of making _____ for our sins. **Matthew 18:11**

III. The ridicule of the King on the Cross. Mark 15:25-32

Not only is Jesus King of the Jews, but He is also King of the _____. The Father wanted the whole world to know it that day! **Luke 23:39-43**

- The thief who trusted in Jesus at the last moment inherited heaven and demonstrated the _____ of God, and this shows us that salvation is not earned by any human work or merit.

The religious leaders wanted Jesus to come down from the Cross to prove He is God the Son, instead, the proof He offered for being the Son of God was rising from the _____ on the third day.

IV. Practical Application.

1. The mock _____ of Jesus. **John 4:24**

Worship is not just a time of singing, it is a lifestyle where we express our praise and love to God as a _____ to who He is and what He has done, in a biblical manner, **in spirit and truth**.

2. Simon was compelled to _____ the Cross for Jesus.

"And follow Me". **Follow**, here means to continually follow in a specific _____, following a specific person. **Mark 8:34**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 15:20**. What clothing did the soldiers put on Jesus? What significance did the items of clothing demonstrate?
Matthew 27:29, Deuteronomy 6:4-5
2. Read **Mark 15:21-24** Why did the soldiers compel Simon to bear Jesus' Cross? What was Jesus given to drink? Why do you think He would not drink it? What is the significance of Golgotha?
Psalms 69:20-21, Matthew 18:11, Matthew 27:29, Genesis 22:1-14
3. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' belongings? What is the significance of what they did?
Psalms 22:18, John 19:23-24
4. Read **Mark 15:25-26**. Once Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers put the sign up over His head. What did the sign say? Was the sign an accusation or a title? Why was the sign written in three different languages?
John 19:19-22, Acts 17:27, Isaiah 49:6
5. Read **Mark 15:27-28 and Luke 23:39-43**. Discuss the change of heart by the second criminal spoken of in these Gospels. What determined their eternal destiny?
Hebrews 11:1-6, John 14:6, Acts 4:12
6. Read **Mark 15:29-32**. What did those who passed by Jesus on the cross do to Him? What did they say and why? What did the chief priests and elders do and say to Jesus on the cross?
Matthew 26:61, John 2:19, Isaiah 53:10-12
7. Discuss the practical Application of the sermon.