

THIS IS THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of Mark Part 3

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WARM UP QUESTION: Did you ever plan a surprise party for someone, and they didn't react the way you thought they would?

READ: Mark 15:1-5, 16-20

FOCUS: Jesus is the King Who suffered and died to save sinners.

OBSERVE:

- Although Jesus looked like a passive victim, He was very much restraining Himself during His crucifixion. He was resolute to accomplish His mission. He was fulfilling Old Testament prophecies about the promised Messiah and King.
- Jesus took the place of Barabbas and took the punishment that Barabbas deserved. He also took the punishment we deserved. Jesus died by giving up His life, not suffocating like most crucifixion victims. Watching Him, the Roman centurion was the first to recognize that Jesus was the Son of God.
- When He died, the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom. Only God could reach the top of this tall curtain to tear it this way. When the curtain was torn, access to God was no longer only available to priests. This meant that everyone would now be able to enter the presence of God.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention from this study?
- Do you have memories of being in a difficult situation? What thoughts, feelings or emotions come to mind?
- How do you sense the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to Jesus' crucifixion? Do you know Him as your Savior?

TAKE ACTION:

- Discuss the ways God has called you to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

PRAY: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us a new appreciation of Jesus' sacrificial death. Holy Spirit, stir us up to share this Gospel with others who don't know Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.