

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 20

The Death of Jesus – Mark 15:21-47; Matthew 27:27-66; Luke 23:1-56; John 19:1-42

Introduction

The final moments have arrived. The confrontations with the religious leaders have led to this – the crucifixion of Jesus. Man chooses to kill God in the flesh. As shocking as this is, it had to happen. Jesus is the only one who can put things right between man and God by dying on the cross. He is our substitutionary sacrifice that pays the price for our sins.

Read Mark 15:21-32

1. What question Simon of Cyrene was told to carry Jesus' cross. Why do you think he was told to do this? How do you think Simon might have felt about this? Why do you think Mark mentions Simon's sons here? (verse 21)
2. Who was crucified with Jesus?
3. How did the passers by react?

Read Matthew 27:33 – 44

4. Where was Jesus taken? Why do you think it was called that? Do you think that this is a real place? (verse 33)
5. The soldiers tried to give Jesus something to drink. Why do you think they did that and why did Jesus refuse to drink it?
6. What was the written charge against Jesus? Was this statement true? Who was crucified with Jesus? (verse 38)
7. What did people say Jesus should do? (verses 39-40) If Jesus really is God, why do you think He did not show His power and come down off the cross?

Read Mark 15:33-41

8. What happened at noon and then at 3 in the afternoon? (verses 33-34)
9. Who did some people think that Jesus was calling to and what did they do? (verses 33-36)
10. In verse 37 we read that Jesus died. How does that make you feel? Who were some of the people who were there when Jesus died? What happened in the temple? What do you think that means? (verses 38-41)
11. The centurion said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Who do you think Jesus is? (verse 39)
12. Who was watching from a distance? Why do you think they are mentioned? Who do you think should have been there, but is not mentioned? (40-41)
13. How would you have felt if you had followed Jesus for 3 years only to see Him crucified on the cross.?

Read John 19:31-37

14. What did the Jewish leaders ask Pilate to do and why? (verse 31)
15. What did one of the soldiers do to see if Jesus was dead and what happened? (verse 34)

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16. Did this fulfil any Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah? (36-37)

Read Mark 15:42-47

17. Who went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus? Where did Joseph of Arimathea put the body of Jesus? Joseph of Arimathea was a prominent member of the Council. Why do you think he took care of Jesus' body?

True or False

- a. Jesus was a criminal who was crucified with two other criminals.
- b. From noon until three the sun shone more brightly than usual.
- c. The soldiers broke Jesus' legs and speared one of the criminals in the side.
- d. A rich man called Joseph of Arimathea put Jesus in a tomb.

For Further Discussion:

Discuss: Why do you think the death of Jesus is so important? Can Jesus death help you now? How? What have you learned about Jesus today?

For Further Reading:

[The Crucifixion: Why did Jesus Die on the Cross?](#)