

Real Refreshment — The Podcast: Mark Study Guide

Mark 15:1-47 → Rejection of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

Passage breakdown:

Mark 15:1-15

What time of day does the narrative pick up here?

Who all is gathered?

What did they do?

How did they restrain Jesus?

To whom did they deliver Him?

What initial question did he ask Jesus?

How did Jesus respond?

Who accused Him next?

What political leader questioned His silence?

How did Jesus respond?

What affect did this have on the leader?

What was the regular custom-favor did the leader do for the people?

What was the name of the prisoner mentioned?

What crime had he committed?

Name the two prisoners the leader offered the people.

With what title did the leader refer to Jesus?

What reason did the leader realize the religious leaders were against Jesus?

Who stirred up the crowd?

Which prisoner did the religious leaders ask to be released?

The leader asked the crowd what he should do with Jesus. How did they respond?

In response, what question did the leader ask the crowd?

What did the leader want to do for the crowd?

Whom did the leader release?

What happened to the other prisoner?

For further study see: Matthew 27:1-26 and Luke 23:1-25 and John 18:28-40 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 15:16-21

Who took Jesus away?

Where did they take Him?

Who was called together?

What did they do to Jesus?

How did they mock Him?

Jesus had just been scourged. How did they continue to physically abuse Him?

What other mocking actions did they do?

When they were done mocking Him, what did they dress Him in?

What did they lead Him away to do?

Who was pressed into carrying the Lord's cross?

For further study see: Matthew 27:27-32 and Luke 23:26-32 and John 19:1-16 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 15:22-41

What was the name of the place they brought Jesus?

What did the name mean?

What did they offer Him?

Did He take it?

What did they do to Him there?

What did they do with His garments?

How did they go about doing that?

What was the hour these things occurred?

What was the inscription with the charge against Jesus?

Who else was crucified with Jesus?

How were they arranged?

What Old Testament prophecy did this fulfill?

What were passers by doing at this sight?

What did they say?

Who else was mocking Jesus at His crucifixion?

What were they saying?

What happened at the 6th hour until the 9th hour?

What did Jesus cry out saying?

What did bystanders think He was doing?

What did someone run to do?

What last thing did Jesus do before He died?

What happened at the same instant?

How did it happen?

Who was standing nearby?

What did he say?

Who were the women in attendance?

What had they done with Jesus?

Scholars have listed in order the words Jesus said from the cross. The one in this passage represents #4. Here are the others for your further study and reference:

1-Luke 23:34

2-Luke 23:43

3-John 19:26-27

4-Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
5-John19:28
6-Luke 23:46
7-John19:30

Here again are the parallel passages for further study see: Matthew 26:33-56 and Luke 22:33-49 and John19:16-30 noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

Mark 15:42-47

What day was it?
What time of day was it?
Who came?
Who was he?
For what was he waiting?
Who did he go to?
What did he ask for?
How did the leader respond?
Who did the leader ask to confirm Jesus's death?
What then did the leader do?
What did the man do with Jesus's body?
Who was watching to see what happened to Jesus's body?

For further study see: Matthew 26:57-68 and Luke 22:67-71 and John 19:31-42, noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

There is only one "immediately" verse in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

15:1

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

How are you intimidated by who Jesus says He is?
Review who Jesus said He is.
Do you believe Him?
Is there a particular part of His claim that is difficult for you to accept?
Why?
Thinking back over your life, can you see where God has been present? Provided?
Protected? Proven Himself worthy, present, and or merciful?
How do you live like Jesus is your King?

How has your life called for His crucifixion?

How has your life mocked Him?

How have you dared to bare your cross and follow Him?

Is there any indication in this passage that Jesus resisted being crucified?

What are some ways you resist following in His steps?

Have other criticized you for following Jesus? How?

Have you criticized others for following Jesus? How?

Have you ever felt forsaken by God?

What scriptures assure you that you've not been forsaken, nor will you be?

Are you willing to look on the cross of Calvary and see your sins nailed there? Your stains cleansed there? Your Savior dead there? Dare to look and really see the love given, the mercy and grace poured out from the Perfect Lamb of God slain for you.