

MEETING GOD ON THE DARKEST DAY OF HISTORY

Mark 15

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: MARK 15:1-15—TRIED AND CONDEMNED

1. Who accuses Jesus (15:1)?
2. From Luke 23:1-7 and John 19:6-7, list specific accusations that are leveled against Jesus.
3. In the past, Jesus has forbidden people and evil spirits from revealing His true identity as the Son of God. What does He now reveal about Himself to the high priest and the council (Sanhedrin) in 14:61-62?
4. Why do you think He is now willing to openly proclaim His deity?

DAY 2: MARK 15:16-20—MOCKED AND SCOURGED

5. As you recall Christ's prayer of submission (Mark 14:36), note the different kinds of suffering the Father "willed" for His Son to endure.
6. Nothing is said regarding Jesus' response to the terrible physical and emotional abuse He suffered, but what insight does Isaiah (50:6; 53:7) prophetically provide?

DAY 3: MARK 15:21-32—JESUS CRUCIFIED

7. Read also Matthew 27:32-44; Luke 23:26-43; and John 19:16-27. What aspects of the Crucifixion, as recorded by these writers, impress you the most?
8. In His "final" moments, Jesus touches a number of people in significant ways—but probably none more than the two men who hang on the crosses on either side of Him. Read Luke 23:39-43.
 - a. How are the two men similar?
 - b. What differences do you observe?

c. How are they representative of all people? (John 3:16-21)

DAY 4: MARK 15:33-47—DEAD AND BURIED

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a. What noteworthy “signs” and events accompanied the death of Jesus?	b. <i>For deeper thought:</i> Explain your understanding of the significance of each.
1) 15:33	
2) Mark 15:34; Psalm 22:1-3	
3) Mark 15:35-36; Malachi 4:5-6	
4) Mark 15:38	
5) 15:39	

c. How or why might these events surrounding Christ’s death motivate an observer to become a believer?

DAY 5: MARK 15 AND ISAIAH 53—THE SUFFERING SERVANT/SAVIOR

7. Note specific things prophesied in Isaiah 53 that Mark includes in his account.

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. At times it is especially meaningful to write your prayers. There is something about seeing your words to God on paper that cements your love and commitment to Him. Take time to write a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to the One who was willing to be *your* Suffering Servant and sacrificial Savior.