

New Mount Moriah AME Church
Bible- Study, 19 Nov 2024
Mark 15:16-28
(NKJV)

Introduction: In tonight's lesson, we continue our study of the book of Mark, with the focus of our text being the crucifixion of Jesus. As we unpack the text, please note the mocking of Jesus by the Roman soldiers and the fulfillment of the scriptures. Please also note that Jesus voluntarily gave His life so we could live. Because Jesus died, we (*those who put their faith in Jesus*) will live forever in the presence of God!

Lesson outline:

- Vs. 16-19 The Mocking of Jesus
- Vs. 20-22 Golgotha
- Vs. 23-25 Bearing the Pain
- Vs. 26-28 Fulfilment of Scripture

Lesson Review:

Vs. 16-19 **The Mocking of Jesus:** The **Praetorium** was the main headquarters of the Roman soldiers, and depending on the mission, a garrison consisted of between 300 and 600 men. In Roman culture, **spitting** on someone was considered a highly disrespectful and insulting gesture, signifying extreme contempt, disgust, or hatred. **Purple** was the color traditionally worn by royalty.

Critical Thinking: In your opinion, what is the cause of the soldiers mocking Jesus (clothing Him in purple, crown of thorns on His head, saluting Him, and calling Him King of the Jews)?

Scripture reference: John 19:12

Isaiah 53:4-7

Vs. 20-22 **Golgotha:** The Romans used crucifixion as capital punishment and a deterrent to criminals. It was the most painful and disgraceful form of execution they employed. Jesus is often shown carrying the crossbar and beam of the cross, but some theologians believe He would have only carried the crossbar due to the weight of the entire cross (200 lbs). In Greek, **Compel** means to bludgeon, impel, coerce, constrain, necessitate. Simon the Cyrene did not voluntarily carry Jesus's cross; he was constrained to do so!

Food for thought: Simon of Cyrene was constrained to carry the cross of Jesus, but will YOU voluntarily carry your cross and follow Him? The cross represents total surrender to God's will and enduring this world's ridicule for the kingdom of God!

Scripture reference: Luke 9:23-24

Vs. 23-25 **Bearing the Pain:** Wine mingled with myrrh temporarily deadens the pain of crucified people. Just think, Jesus was willing to take the PAIN of death so we could live. He experienced its sting so we could one day declare, “Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is your victory (*1 Corinthians 15:55*).”

Casting of Lots: Objects were used in ancient times to make decisions or determine outcomes through random selection.

Scripture reference: Matthew 27:32-33

Luke 23:26

Vs. 26-28 **Fulfilment of Scripture:** What is the significance of the inscription “The King of the Jews” placed over Jesus’s head? Luke states the inscription was in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew (*This is the King of the Jews* (Luke 23:38).

Critical thinking: What, if any, is the significance of Jesus being crucified between two thieves?

Scripture reference: 1 Timothy 6:14-15

Isaiah 53:12