

The Crucified King Mark 15:1-47 Mark: The Good News of the Son of God

Sunday: 08/12/24 – Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

*Behold and believe on Jesus Christ, the Son of God and true King,
who was rejected, mistreated, crucified, and buried to save us from our sins..*

Overview

In this week's message, Pastor Lenard taught from chapter 15 of The Gospel of Mark. In this passion account, we see Jesus wrongly charged, rejected, abused, mocked, violently killed, and buried. As believers, we read this account and are faced with a number of realities. We must remember that Jesus allowed all of this to happen. He allowed this for us; specifically, He allowed His sacrifice to take our place, bearing the punishment that was rightfully ours. Jesus is our substitute. Meditating on this substitution, His love, and His work grows us closer to Him and should cultivate humility and thankfulness.

Jesus, the King of the Jews, was innocent. His innocence was even confirmed by Pilate. Jesus' title as King challenges us to ask the question of who will be king in our lives. Jesus died a horrific death that we can only partially understand through dramatic reenactments. Do these reenactments or these words in Scripture cause us to see our sin? Jesus, in one of His final acts proving His humanity, died. In doing so, the temple's curtain was torn in two from the top, solidifying a message to those who brought about His death but, more importantly, showing those who would believe that we have access to our God. This is amazing grace.

Passage Outline:

1. The King Charged (v1-5)
2. The King Rejected (v6-14)
3. The King Mistreated (v15-20)
4. The King Crucified (v21-39): *Psalm 22:1*
5. The King Buried (v40-47)

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Lenard made it clear that first century readers would have firsthand understanding of scourging and crucifixion. This was something that would be seen going to the market.
 - a. How often have you reflected on the crucifixion and the events surrounding Jesus' death?
 - b. Have you seen "The Passion of the Christ?" How did that reenactment make you feel?
2. Considering responses from Jesus in this chapter:
 - a. Why does Jesus not defend himself and why is he relatively silent? What are we to learn?
 - b. Jesus later cries out "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? What does it mean that he was forsaken?"
3. Pastor Lenard spoke to us about meditating on Jesus' love and work on the cross.
 - a. How can meditating on Jesus challenge, comfort or convict us? (*discuss all three*)
 - b. What are ways you regularly meditate on the work of Christ?
4. Was there anything else in this passage or message that you wanted to discuss?