



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | Mocked for us

Key Passages: *Mark 15:16-32; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9*

Big Idea: *The mockery of Jesus prepares the hearts of his people*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 15:16-32

Discuss

Take some time to identify all the ways that Mark shows us in the passage how Jesus is mocked and share how each of these aspects would have brought humiliation on Jesus. Why do you think Mark is going out of his way to show his readers this aspect of the death of Jesus?

Why is it important to understand and believe that Jesus took our guilt *and* our shame on the cross?

On Sunday we saw how the mockery Jesus endures on the cross exposes:

- 1) the opposition of an unbelievers heart towards Jesus as they resist his authority as King
- 2) the oppositions of believer's heart towards weakness as we see it as something to be avoided.

Where do we see the first kind of opposition in the passage and how do we see Jesus being mocked in our unbelieving culture today? How does it make you feel when you see/hear those things?

Why do we resist weakness, suffering and trials? Reading 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 and connecting this to what Jesus experiences on the cross, how do these passages help us to endure in these moments of weakness.

Why do you think Mark goes out of his way to give so much detail about Simon in v21? How can this help us trust that God is at work in our trials?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray worshipfully and with prayers of petition in response to the suffering we see at the cross.

Coming Up

Next week we'll be in Mark 15:33-39

C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity, pg 45

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”