

Quarter Three: The Book of Mark

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Lesson 12—Tried and Crucified

Wednesday: Forsaken by God

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- **Last Week:** “Taken and Tried”
 - Mark 14 – last supper, Gethsemane, arrest, trial with Sanhedrin
- **This Week:** “Tried and Crucified”
 - Mark 15 – heart of the Passion Narrative: Jesus’ trial, crucifixion, death & burial
 - Ironies found within the study

Memory Text: “And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which is translated, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’” (Mark 15:34, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** “Are You the King of the Jews?” (Daniel)
 - Mark 15:1 – 15 – trial before Pilate & release of Barabbas; charge b4 Sanhedrin = blasphemy; charge before Roman rule = sedition
- 2. **Monday:** Hail, King of the Jews! (Ryan)
 - Mark 15:15 – 20 – whipping of Jesus
- 3. **Tuesday:** The Crucifixion (John L)
 - Mark 15:21 – 38 – crucifixion of Jesus
- 4. **Wednesday:** Forsaken by God (Jill)
 - Mark 15:33 – 41 – parallel between Jesus’ baptism & His death – culmination of His ministry (die as a ransom); Jesus’ feeling abandoned on the cross
- 5. **Thursday:** Laid to Rest (James)
 - Mark 15:42 – 47 – Joseph of Arimathea requesting the body of Jesus & buries Him

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Mark 15:33 - 41

- Mark 15:33 – “Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.”
 - Timeline of crucifixion
 - Crucified at 9am
 - From noon to 3pm, darkness
 - Supernatural darkness
 - DA, p. 753 – “With amazement angels witnessed the Saviour’s despairing agony. The hosts of heaven veiled their faces from the fearful sight. Inanimate nature expressed sympathy with its insulted and dying Author. The sun refused to look upon the awful scene. Its full, bright rays were illuminating the earth at midday, when suddenly it seemed to be blotted out.”

- Where was God?
 - Right beside His Son
 - Ps 18:11 – “He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.”
 - Yet, God couldn’t reveal Himself –
 - Heb 12:29 – “For our God is a consuming fire.”
- Mark 15:34 – “And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?’ which is translated, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”
 - Cry of Dereliction (only Matthew & Mark quote it)
 - (Mark includes no other sayings of Jesus from the cross in his gospel)
 - = cry of pain, anguish, suffering, abandonment & separation from the Father
 - Quote from Ps 22:1
 - Ps 22 – 24 – triad of Psalms, Messianic in nature
 - Ps 22 = Psalm of the Cross (Savior’s sufferings)
 - Ps 23 = Psalm of the Grave (death of the righteous Lamb of God)
 - Ps 24 = Psalm of the Crown (coronation of the Risen One)
 - Ps 22:1 – “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?”
 - Jesus experience the ultimate separation – sins of the world which He bore separated Him from the Father
 - 2 Cor 5:21 – “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
 - Double imputation
 - Isa 53:4 – 6 – “Surely He has borne our **griefs** and carried our **sorrows**; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (5) But He was wounded for our **transgressions**, He was bruised for our **iniquities**, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of **us all**.”
 - He bears the consequences of our sin (griefs & sorrows)
 - He bears the sin itself (transgressions and iniquities)
 - He bore all our sins – not just for Israel, but for everyone
 - Substitutionary atonement
 - John 1:29 – “...Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - Gal 3:13 – “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us....”
 - Jesus experienced the second death for us
 - DA, p. 753 – “Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Savior could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him

His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice.It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter and broke the heart of the Son of God."

- Jesus' words on the cross are in Aramaic, and Mark provided the translation
 - Common language spoken in Palestine and the one that Jesus used
 - Mark gave the translation indicates that his readers were not from Palestine
 - Fairly easy mistake to confuse "My God, My God" for the name of Elijah in Aramaic
- Mark 15:37 – "And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last."
 - Luke – "Father into Your hands, I commit My spirit."
 - Faith, pierced through the portal of the tomb
 - 2 happenings when Jesus died
 - 1. Veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom
 - Fulfillment of Dan 9:27 – in the midst of the week, He would bring an end to sacrifice and offering
 - The Lamb was sacrificed – type met antitype
 - 2. Roman Centurion – "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"
 - Jesus' baptism – the heavens split
 - Jesus' death – veil split
 - Jesus' baptism – God's voice said, "beloved Son"
 - Jesus' death – Centurion said, "this Man was the Son of God"
- **5 Keys – when you feel forsaken by God**
 - Where is God?
 - When evil seems to triumph, how are we to respond?
 - When God is silent, how are we to respond?
 - When we feel abandoned by God, how are we to respond?
 - **1. Be honest with God (Ps 88)**
 - Don't be afraid to share your struggles with Him
 - Don't hide from Him
 - He already knows your heart
 - **2. Remember the past (Ps 77)**
 - Don't forget what God has done
 - History – time He's worked in your life before
 - **3. Cling to faith (don't walk by feelings & trust His Word) (Ps 69)**
 - When it seems that God is silent, we're called to trust the **promise**, not the **perception**
 - Called to walk by **faith**, not by **sight**
 - Called to trust Him in the **storm**, as well as the **sunshine**
 - Called to trust Him by **faith**, not by our **feelings**

- **4. Invite others into your journey**
 - Don't walk it alone

 - Attractive, but false sense of righteousness in isolationism: I'll suffer silently so I don't bring anyone else down or burden others with my troubles.
 - I'm supposed to be strong and tough
 - A good Christian doesn't need help
 - God should be all I need

- **5. Live with the end-game in sight (Ps 73)**
 - Live with eternity in view