

THE GOSPEL OF
mark

The Darkest Hour
Mark 15:1-47

The Trial

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Mark 15:12-15

The Way of Suffering

Jesus was already _____ before walking the road to the cross.

“And they crucified him.”

Mark 15:24

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- Forced to carry his own instrument of torture
- Nailed to wooden beams
- Pushing up on nails through major nerves to take a breath
- Scraping torn flesh against rugged wood
- Ultimately, crucifixion is a slow death by asphyxiation

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Insults, Injury and Irony

“Come down from the cross and save yourself...”
“He saved others,” they said, “But he can’t save himself.”

Mark 15:30-31

Mocking Jesus:

- The _____
- The _____
- The _____ & _____

An Unfair Trade

Jesus took our _____ and gave us his _____ instead (substitutionary atonement).

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

II Corinthians 5:21

Digging Deeper

1. What most resonated with you from this teaching?
2. How does understanding what Jesus went through before and on the cross grow your gratitude for grace?
3. In a few sentences, write out your best understanding of what Jesus’ death on the cross accomplished for all who receive him.
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- The Religious Rulers
- The Crowd & Criminals

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