

SERIES: MARK—THE BEST NEWS EVER!

Message: THE COST OF THE CROSS

Text: Mark 15:1-34, p.904

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What did it cost Jesus to save us?

1. REJECTION – Emotional Pain!

MARK 15:1-15 ...² So Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.”

³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ...⁵ But Jesus still did not answer, and so Pilate was amazed. (Isaiah 53:7)

⁶ At the festival Pilate used to release for the people a prisoner whom they requested.⁷ There was one named Barabbas, who was in prison with rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion.⁸ The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them as was his custom.⁹ Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to release **the king of the Jews** for you?”¹⁰ For he knew it was because of **envy** that the chief priests had handed him over.¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release **Barabbas** to them instead.¹² Pilate asked them again, “Then what do you want me to do with the one you call the king of the Jews?”

¹³ Again they shouted, “**Crucify him!**”

¹⁴ Pilate said to them, “Why? What has he done wrong?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!”

¹⁵ Wanting **to satisfy the crowd**, Pilate released Barabbas to them; +Prisoner exchange (1 Peter 3:18, Is. 53:3-4)

Choosing MAN’S way over GOD’S way.

2. MOCKING – Psychological Pain

Mark 15:16-20 ¹⁶ The soldiers led him away into the palace ...

¹⁷ They dressed him in a purple robe, twisted together **a crown of thorns**, and put it on him.¹⁸ And they began to salute him, “Hail, king of the Jews!”¹⁹ They were **hitting him on the head** with a stick and **spitting** on him. Getting down on their knees, they were paying him homage.²⁰ After they had **mocked** him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his clothes on him.

3. FLOGGING AND CRUCIFIXION – Physical Pain

Mark 15:15b, 20c – 32 after having Jesus **flogged** (Isaiah 53:5), he handed him over to be crucified. ...²¹ They forced a man coming in from the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus’s cross. He was **Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus**.

²² They brought Jesus to the place called **Golgotha** (which means Place of the Skull).²³ They tried to give him **wine mixed with myrrh** (Proverbs 31:6), but he did not take it.

²⁴ Then they crucified him and divided his clothes, casting lots for them to decide what each would get.²⁵ Now it was nine in the morning when they crucified him.²⁶ The inscription of the charge written against him was: **The King of the Jews**.²⁷ They crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹ Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads, and saying, “Ha! The one who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,³⁰ save yourself by coming down from the cross!”³¹ In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were **mocking** him among themselves and saying, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself!³² Let **the Messiah, the King of Israel**, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe.” Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

The **BLOOD** of THE **KING**, the **SON** OF GOD! (2 Cor. 5:14-21)

4. ABANDONMENT – Spiritual Pain

Mark 15:33-34 ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.³⁴ And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you **abandoned** me?” See Mark 12:30, John 3:16

Big Idea: Jesus paid an immeasurable price at Calvary so we might have life—a sacrifice that demands our

WHOLEHEARTED RESPONSE.

NEXT STEP: GIVE Jesus Your ALL!