

Study Guide

Mark 15:21-47

Theme- Jesus loves you.

1. Read Mark 15:21-25. Discuss together the physical agony of a crucifixion. Why do you think Jesus refused to take the wine mixed with myrrh? (v.23).
2. Read Mark 15:26-32. Discuss together the emotional anguish of how people treated Him.
3. Read Mark 15:33-37. Why did Jesus feel entirely forsaken at that point? (see also 1 John 1:5; Habakkuk 1:13; Isaiah 54:7). What was happening?
4. Read Mark 15:38-47. What was the immediate effect of the death of Christ? Are there any characters listed who changed because of the death of Jesus? (see also Acts 6:7).
5. Discuss the undying word from the cross: "I love you!"
 - a. Romans 5:8 - "But God **demonstrated** His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!" *I want to emphatically demonstrate that I love you!*
 - b. John 15:13- "**Greater love** has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends." *I want to unequivocally demonstrate that I love you!*
 - c. 1 John 3:16- "**We know** love by this that He laid down His life for us ..." *I want to demonstrate to you personally that I love you!*
6. How does knowing that you are loved so much by God affect you? (*Think of various relationships and scenarios where you have seen the effects of God's love for you*).
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Message Slides

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A. Physical Agony (Mark 15:21-25)

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they **crucified him** and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they **crucified him**.

B. Emotional Anguish (Mark 15:26-32)

²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ²⁹save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

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2. Simon of Cyrene- Irritated (v. 21)

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3. Soldiers- Indifferent (v.24)

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4. The Two Robbers – "reviled" (v. 27 & 32b)

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5. The Passerby's- "derided" (v.29-30)

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Revelation 6:10

“How long, O Lord, how long? How long are you going to allow wickedness to go on before you step in, in judgment?”

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C. Spiritual Distress (Mark 15:33-37)

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

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1 John 1:5 “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

Habakkuk 1:13 “Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.”

Isaiah 54:7 “For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

D. Love Wins! (Mark 15:38-47)

³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

1. For us all!

Hebrews 10:19-22

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart.”

2. Simon of Cyrene

Romans 16:13

"Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been like a mother to me as well."

3. The Centurion

Mark 15:39

"And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!""

4. The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:42 "We deserve to be here, but this man does not deserve this. Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom."

5. The Hopeless Women (Mark 15:40-41)

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6. Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:42-47)

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, **who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God**, took **courage** and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

Acts 6:7

"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of disciples **multiplied greatly** in Jerusalem, and a **great many of the priests** became obedient to the faith."

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