

“Christ loved his own all the way through death itself. What must that mean for you? It means, first, that your future is secure. If you are his, heaven and relief is coming, for you cannot be made un-his. He himself made you his own, and you can’t squirm out of his grasp. And it means, second, that he will love you to the end. Not only is your future secure, on the basis of his death; your present is secure, proven in his heart. He will love you to the end because he cannot bear to do otherwise. No exit strategy. No prenup. He’ll love to the end—“to the end of their lives, to the end of their sins, to the end of their temptations, to the end of their fears.” Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly.

NOTES

Gospel of Mark



Mark 15:15-41

What stuck out to you from this passage?

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Looking Back: Mark 14:51-15:15

Looking Forward: Mark 15:42-16:8

Looking Deeper

Read Genesis 22. List the parallels that you see between Gen. 22 and the crucifixion in Mark 15:

Look at these Messianic passages: Num. 21:6-9, Psalm 22, Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Zech 12:10

Consider these Quotes:

“A king who dies on the cross must be the king of a rather strange kingdom.” -Dietrich Bonhoffer

“It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things; but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.” -C.S. Lewis

“You cannot be Christ’s servant if you are not willing to follow Him, cross and all. What do you crave? A crown? Then it must be a crown of thorns if you are to be like Him. Do you want to be lifted up? So you shall, but it will be upon a cross.” -Charles Spurgeon

Discussion Questions

- ❖ What are some prophecies Jesus fulfilled during the trials and crucifixion?
- ❖ What elements of the crucifixion do you think would be most difficult to bear? (aloneness, injustice, ridicule, etc.)
- ❖ Describe people’s various responses to Jesus during the trials and crucifixion. (disciples ran, crowds mocked, etc.)
- ❖ As you picture the crucifixion scene and the people in it, who/where were you before coming to know Jesus? (the self-righteous religious hypocrite, the convicted robber, the busy passerby, etc.)
- ❖ Describe the ways Jesus has transformed you from what you were to where you are now.
- ❖ How did Jesus’ death on the cross pay for sin? How would you explain it to an unbeliever?