



Monday: Mark 15:1-15

1. The religious council charged Jesus with blasphemy, but they needed the Romans to carry out a death sentence for a capital offense. What charge is Jesus questioned over?
2. What does Pilate correctly discern about the religious council, and Jesus?
3. How does the crowd's reaction to Jesus reflect people's spiritual condition before God? (See also John 3:19-20; Rom. 3:9-18; Ps. 2:1-3)
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Adama who is leading the mission to reach unengaged people groups in Burkino Faso.

Tuesday: Mark 15:16-32

1. What clues in these scenes show that the people torturing, mocking, and crucifying Jesus didn't think of Jesus as a divine person?
2. What prophecy from Ps. 22 is fulfilled in today's reading? (See Ps. 22:7-8, 16-18)
3. What part of Isa. 53:12 is fulfilled in this scene?
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

Wednesday: Mark 15:33-41

1. What are some of the supernatural or miraculous things that happen in this scene?
2. Jesus cries out Ps. 22:1 while on the cross. What does it mean for Jesus to be "forsaken" by God? (See also Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:4-5)
3. Mark's gospel presents Jesus as the Son of God (Mk. 1:1). How does the centurion come to this conclusion? (See also Matt. 27:50-54; Lk. 23:44-47)
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

Thursday: Mark 15:42-47

1. Why would it have been courageous for Joseph of Arimathea to take care of Jesus burial? (vs. 43)
2. How does Joseph of Arimathea's actions further fulfill OT prophecy? (See Matt. 27:57-60; Isa. 53:9)
3. Yesterday's reading showed the two Mary's observing Jesus crucifixion, and here they see where his body is laid. From an evangelistic or apologetic standpoint, why are these details important?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

Friday: Mark 16

1. Verses 9-20 are bracketed in your Bible because they are not included in the earliest manuscripts of Mark's gospel. Therefore, they are believed to be later additions to Mark, and should not be used to build any church doctrine or religious experience. What had Jesus previously prophesied to his disciples about his death and resurrection? (See Mk. 8:31; 10:33-34)
2. Some of Jesus female disciples were eyewitnesses to his crucifixion, burial, and the empty tomb. Why is that important?
3. What is important about the angel's message, "There you will see him, just as he told you"? (See also Mk. 14:27)
4. Pray for family and friends.

Saturday and Sunday

Review what you read in Mark this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of Philippians 1:3-8.