



*Jesus delivered
to Pilate
The Resurrection*

15
Mark
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1. Read Mark 15-16 before starting this study guide. Pray asking the Lord to bless your time in his word.
2. Did you notice the attention to the time of day in these two chapters? Fill in the time mentioned in these verses. Use a couple of different translations or read the notes in a study Bible.

	What time of day was it?
Mark 15:1	
Mark 15:25	
Mark 15:33	
Mark 15:34	
Mark 16:1-2	
Mark 16:9	

3. Where was Jesus taken after his mock trial before the chief priests, elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin?
4. Do a bit of research to see what you can learn about the Sanhedrin.
5. These Jewish leaders may have wanted Jesus killed but they did not have the power to execute anyone. The death penalty could be carried out only by the Roman orders and soldiers. Here we see the religious leaders manipulating Pilate to do their dirty work. Why were they in such a hurry to get things handled and behind them?
6. The charges are recorded in Luke 23:1-2. What were the three charges brought against Jesus? Do any of them sound worthy of death?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

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7. Jesus is brought to Pilate, he is the governor of the province of Judea, where Jerusalem was located. Which charge got Pilate's attention? What does he ask Jesus?
8. Pilate has had problems with the Jews before and this crowd was not easy to control. Pilate also knew that the leaders of the Jews had their own reasons for wanting Jesus dead. What does Mark 15:10 say was their reason?
Pilate tried to appeal to the fairness of the people. The Romans had a custom to appease the Jews. What was the custom mentioned in verse 6-10?
9. What was the choice given to the crowd by Pilate that day?
10. What did the people say?

11. What crimes had Barabbas been found guilty of committing?
12. Why in the world would this crowd of fellow Jews cry out for Jesus to be crucified and want a murdering troublemaker to be set free?
Have you ever witnessed “mob mentality.” It seldom makes any sense to a rational person.

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13. The Pharisees may be the religious leaders of their day, but they were not leading well. What had Jesus come to do? What was his purpose and plan? I have filled in the first one.

Reference	Scripture Text	Jesus came to...
John 6:38	For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.	Do the will of his Father.
Luke 19:10	For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.	
1 Timothy 1:15	Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.	
John 12:46	I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.	
Luke 2:10	But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.	
Mark 10:45	For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.	
Matthew 5:17	Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.	
Mark 2:17	On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”	

Reference	Scripture Text	Jesus came to...
Isaiah 9:6-7	For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.	
John 1:14	The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.	

14. Again, I must ask...what did Jesus do that was worthy of death? Maybe it was because he miraculously healed the sick, the blind, the deaf and the mute and raised the dead. Or perhaps it was because he cast out demons that were tormenting people. Maybe it was the kindness he showed to those who were the least among them as he fed the multitude of people who had come to hear him teach. What did Jesus do that caused such great hatred?
15. Have you ever suffered because of someone's unjust feelings? What did you do? What do you believe were the reason or reasons behind the actions directed at you?

In Jesus case it was jealousy. Jealousy is secret in a man's heart, and privately contrives and works the ruin of another. Anger and fury can subside, or be pacified, but jealousy cannot be appeased. That is the nature of jealousy and envy, they are discontent at the sight of what is being enjoyed by another; it is an uneasiness which arises from the fear that another does or will enjoy some advantage which we desire for ourselves.

Proverbs 27:4 Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?

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16. As Jesus stood before Pilate, his accusers mentioned that Jesus was a Galilean. Luke 23 tells us that Herod the ruler of that province was in Jerusalem at that time. Pilate had Jesus taken to Herod, Jesus would not speak a word to answer any of Herod's questions. Herod finally grows tired of mocking Jesus and has him returned to Pilate. Neither Herod or Pilate had found any proof of wrong against Jesus. But to please

the crowd he offered to have Jesus flogged. Read Luke 23:13-16. There are a few reasons why Pilate might have chosen to do this. Which do you believe is the most likely?

- a. He knew the flogging was sometimes a death sentence itself, he could justify this in his mind.
- b. If a complaint was lodged against him to Rome, he could show he had done something.
- c. It was to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24-25

17. Even though Pilate could find no fault in Jesus, and because he felt he could not control the mob that day, Pilate released Barabbas and had Jesus flogged and led away to be crucified. This serves as a lesson for us. There are or will be times when we suffer unjustly. Is it possible for us to rest in the fact that one day all things will be made right? Can we wait patiently on God's timing and purposes?

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

What do we do when we don't know what to do?

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

18. Have you ever been goaded into doing something you felt was wrong? You may have even tried to pacify those around you, but it did not sway their persistent prodding's. Andy Stanley, in his series "Guardrails for your life" mentioned four emotions that trip people up: guilt, anger, greed and jealousy. (I might add fear of man to this list.) He defined guardrails as a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. They minimize damage by keeping us in the safety zone. As believers what guardrail could we put in place so that we do not sin in this way?

What might keep us from succumbing to the pressure and influence of others and spare us a guilty conscience?

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

19. Mark 15:16-20 describes the events when Jesus was taken away by the Roman guards. They were like a ravenous lion cruelly toying with an animal he is about to devour. List the events.
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

20. Jesus demonstrated power under control. He could have called the angels to annihilate the lot of them. But he had come for this purpose. He had come to die in our place, the just for the unjust. This is the fruit of the Spirit manifest for us to see. Look up Galatians 5:22 and write out the proof or the fruit one will see when controlled by the Holy Spirit of God.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.
- h.
- i.

Jesus was taken to a hill called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). He was offered some wine mixed with myrrh, but the scripture said, “he did not take it.” Do some research and see why this mixture might have been offered. Why do you suppose they offered this drink?
 The text only says that it was offered to Jesus, not who provided it. Does this sound like something the Roman soldiers would do or possibly some of Jesus’ friends?
 Either way he did not drink it.

21. What time of day was it when they nailed Jesus to the cross?
 Can you believe all he has endured in this short 6-hour period?

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22. What did the sign say that was attached to the top of the cross?
 Read John 19:21, the chief priests protested to Pilate and wanted another sign attached.
 What did they want it to say?

Do you see the depth of hatred these men had for Jesus? After all that has happened, they are still this petty. As we said jealousy is never satisfied.

23. According to Mark 15:33, what unusual event happened at noon that day?
 24. Jesus hung on the cross suffering in agony for hours. What did Jesus say?

Scripture reference	Last words of Jesus on the cross.
Luke 23:34	
Luke 23:43	
Mark 15:34	
John 19:26-27	
Luke 23:46	
John 19:28	
John 19:30	

25. Mark 15:38-39 tell of two amazing events. One opened the way for all to have a personal relationship with our God. The second was a confirmation that God truly does save even the vilest of sinners.

- a.
- b.

26. Scripture tells us the women watched as Jesus was removed from the cross by Joseph of Arimathea. He wrapped his body in linen and buried him quickly in a tomb he owned. It was almost sundown and time for the Passover. Mark 16 tells us the women came to anoint Jesus body. What did they find when they arrived?

27. Jesus was seen by the women and later to two followers, how did the disciples respond when they heard this news?

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28. What did it take for the Eleven to believe?
 29. Jesus gave them their assignment in Mark 16:15-18. What assignment were they given?
 30. The scripture says he was taken up into heaven, where did it specifically say Jesus is now?
 31. The disciples went out preaching and teaching all that they had seen and been taught by Jesus. How effective was their ministry?
 32. These men turned the world upside down with their testimony and preaching. They were powerful and effective for Christ. What is our assignment as followers of Jesus Christ?