

LESSON 67

1. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus began to pray, as He was deeply troubled. Why was Jesus deeply troubled?

-Because Jesus knew that the suffering which was before Him was more terrible than anyone had ever suffered.

2. Who was leading the crowd of men armed with swords and clubs to arrest Jesus?

-Judas.

3. Who was leading Judas to arrest Jesus?

-Satan.

4. Who does Satan lead these days?

-All people who refuse to believe in Jesus as Savior are led by Satan.

5. Why did all of Jesus' disciples run away?

-The disciples were afraid and did not understand why Jesus was being arrested.

6. What did the disciples not understand?

-The disciples did not understand how Jesus would be able to be the Savior if He was arrested and killed.

7. To where did the men who arrested Jesus take Him?

-The men took Jesus to the high priest.

8. Why were the Jewish leaders not able to find anything wrong with Jesus?

-Because Jesus had done nothing wrong.

-Because Jesus had not sinned.

9. When the high priest spoke to Jesus and asked Him whether He was the Christ, the Son of God, what did Jesus answer?

-Jesus answered and said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

10. Why did the high priest say that Jesus must be killed?

-The high priest said that Jesus had cursed God.

11. Did Jesus curse God?

-No.

-After the high priest and the Jewish leaders had condemned Jesus to death, they led Him to Pilate.

Let's read Mark 15:1

1-Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

-Who was Pilate?

-Pilate was the chief of Judea who had been appointed by Caesar, the Roman king.

-In order for the Jews to kill Jesus, they had to receive permission from Pilate.

-When Jesus was brought before Pilate, Pilate asked Jesus a question.

Let's read Mark 15:2

2-"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

-Why did Jesus say that He was king of the Jews?

-Because Jesus was a descendant of King David.

Let's read Mark 15:3-5

3-The chief priests accused him of many things.

4-So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

5-But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

-Even though the people accused Jesus falsely, Jesus was silent and did not reply.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would be silent when He was falsely accused.

-During the feast of the Passover, it was Pilate’s custom to release one prisoner to the Jews.

-Therefore, Pilate asked the Jews if they wanted him to release Jesus.

Let’s read Mark 15:6-11

6-Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested.

7-A man named Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising.

8-The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

9-“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate,

10-knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

11-But the chief priest stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

-Pilate knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong.

-Pilate knew that the Jewish leaders had arrested Jesus because they were jealous of Him.

-Therefore, Pilate hoped that the Jews would choose to have Jesus released.

-Instead, the chief priest stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas, a murderer, instead of Jesus.

-Then, Pilate asked the Jews a question.

Let's read Mark 15:12-14

12-“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

13-“Crucify him!” they shouted.

14-“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

-Even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, the crowd hated Jesus and wanted Jesus to be crucified.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would be hated for no reason.

-The crowd wanted to crucify Jesus.

-What is crucifixion?

-It is nailing someone's hands and feet to a cross, and leaving them on the cross until they die.

-Crucifixion is the worst form of death that the Romans used to kill the worst form of criminals.

-Then, Pilate commanded that Jesus be whipped.

Let's read Mark 15:15

15-Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, and handed him over to be crucified.

-When the Romans whipped someone, they used a whip of many lashes with pieces of sharp metal and bone tied to the lashes.

-When the Romans whipped someone, their backs were cut so much that they often died.

-After Jesus was whipped, the soldiers mocked Him.

Let's read Mark 15:16-20

16-The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace and called together the whole company of soldiers.

17-They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

18-And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!"

19-Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.

20-And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. They led him out to crucify him.

-The soldiers beat Jesus and spit on Him.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would be beaten and spit upon.

-Because people respected kings by kneeling before them, the soldiers mocked Jesus by kneeling before Him.

-Because kings wore purple clothes, the soldiers mocked Jesus by dressing him in purple clothes.

-Because kings also wore crowns of gold on their heads, the soldiers mocked Jesus by putting a crown of thorns on His head.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would be mocked.

-What was the crown of thorns a sign of?

-The crown of thorns was a sign of the curse of God.

-When Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the earth and said that thorns would grow.

-When the soldiers put the crown of thorns on Jesus' head, what was this a sign of?

-A sign that Jesus would carry the curse of God.

Let's read Mark 15:21-22

21-A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

22-They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).

-The soldiers then led Jesus to a hill called Golgotha outside of Jerusalem to crucify Him.

-On the hill, the soldiers laid the cross on the ground, and then laid Jesus on top of the cross.

-Then, the soldiers nailed Jesus' hands to the top of the cross and His feet to the bottom of the cross with nails.

-Just as God had said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior's hands and feet would be pierced.

-When the soldiers had finished, they raised the cross with Jesus nailed onto it into an upright position.

-Do you remember what Jesus told Nicodemus?

-Jesus said that just as Moses lifted up the serpent on a pole so that the people would be saved, so the Savior would be lifted up so that people would be saved.

Let's read Mark 15:23-24

23-They then offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

24-And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

-Some women offered Jesus wine mixed with myrrh in order to help deaden the pain, but Jesus refused.

-The soldiers who had nailed Jesus to the cross cast lots to divide Jesus' clothing for them.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, they would cast lots for the Savior's clothes.

Let's read Mark 15:25-27

25-It was the third hour when they crucified him.

26-The written notice of the charge against him read:
THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27-They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right, and one on his left.

-Two other men were crucified with Jesus, one on His right and one on His left.

-They were evil men.

-Just as God said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior would die with evil men.

Let's read Mark 15:29-32

29-Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,

30-come down from the cross and save yourself!"

31-In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself!"

32-Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

-Jesus had said that if the Jews would destroy the temple, then Jesus would raise it again in three days.

-Was Jesus talking about the stone temple that the Jews had built in Jerusalem?

-No.

-What temple was Jesus talking about?

-Jesus was talking about His body.

-Jesus was saying that even if the Jews would destroy Him by crucifying Him, He would be raised in three days.

Let's read Mark 15:33

33-At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

-Why was there complete darkness over all of the land for three hours?

-The three hours of darkness was a sign.

-What was the sign of the three hours of darkness over all of the land?

-God the Father was abandoning Jesus on the cross.

Let's read Mark 15:34

34-And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

-When God the Father abandoned Jesus on the cross, Jesus cried out.

-Why did God the Father abandon Jesus?

-Did Jesus ever do anything wrong?

-No.

-Then why did God the Father abandon Jesus?

-God the Father was punishing Jesus for your sins, my sins, and the sins of all people.

-Because God the Father was punishing Jesus for our sins, God the Father abandoned Jesus on the cross.

-In the Garden of Eden, what did God say would happen to Adam and Eve if they ate the fruit which God commanded them not to eat?

-They would die.

-Because Adam and Eve sinned, they died by being separated from God.

-Now, Jesus was being separated from God the Father.

Let's read Mark 15:35-36

35-When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

36-One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

-The people watching Jesus die on the cross thought that Jesus was calling Elijah.

-Jesus was not calling Elijah.

-Jesus was crying out to God the Father.

-Why was Jesus crying out to God the Father?

-Because God the Father abandoned Jesus, and it was a terrible punishment.

-How long had God the Father and Jesus been together?

-Forever.

-Was there ever a time when God the Father and Jesus had not been together?

-No.

-Because this was the first and only time that God the Father and Jesus were not together, Jesus cried out.

-To be separated from God the Father is the most terrible punishment in the world.

Let's read Mark 15:37

37-With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

-Jesus died on the cross.

-After Jesus died, what happened in the temple?

Let's read Mark 15:38

38-The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

-What did the curtain in the temple do?

-The curtain separated the two rooms in the temple.

-The curtain separated the Holy Room from the Most Holy Room.

-What was the curtain a sign of?

-The curtain was a sign of the separation between God and man.

-Why were God and man separated?

-Because of our sin.

-Because of our sin, God and man were separated, and no one was able to enter the Most Holy Room except for the high priest only one time a year.

-Who tore the curtain in two from top to bottom?

-God.

-Why did God tear the curtain in two?

-God tore the curtain in two to show that there was no more separation between God and man.

Let's read Mark 15:39

39-And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

-When the centurion, who was the chief of one hundred soldiers, saw Jesus die, He knew that Jesus was God the Savior.

Let's read Mark 15:40-41

40-Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.

41-In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

-These women were the women who had believed in God, and knew that Jesus was God the Savior.

Let's read Mark 15:42-46

42-It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,

43-Joseph of Arimathea, as prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

44-Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.

45-When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.

46-So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

-Joseph of Arimathea was a rich man who believed that Jesus was God the Savior.

-After Jesus died, Joseph went to Pilate and asked to bury Jesus' body.

-Then, Joseph took Jesus' body and buried it in his tomb.

-Just as God had said through the prophets many years ago, the Savior was buried with the rich.