

GOSPEL OF MARK
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD
THE LAST SEVEN DAYS

1. THE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS FAIL HIM.

- A. **Mark 15:1-47** 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.
- i. The time!
 - (1) Christ was delivered to Pilate before our midnight, because it was around midnight when Pilate said "Behold your King"
 - (a) **John 19:14** It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.
 - ii. Not legal
 - (1) This trial being held at night meant it was not legal.
 - iii. Whole Sanhedrin
 - (1) 72 men, 6 from each tribe
 - (2) Showed their hatred for God and His anointed.
 - iv. One exception
 - (1) **Luke 23:** ⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body.
 - (2) Trial at this time of day was not allowed.

2. The Government Trail

- a. Mark 16: ²"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. ³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of." ⁵But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸The 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, ¹⁰knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. 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.
- i. If the question was honest or a true question, He answered it, if not He did not.
 - (1) The question, ²"Are you the king of the Jews?"
 - (a) Jesus answered this question
 - ii. Pilate was amazed, he could not understand a man that would not defend Himself facing death.
 - iii. Most men would have Denied all things charged against them, Jesus knew that the hour was at hand. If He was to die at the correct time He had to go as the Lamb of God.
 - iv. Pilate was no fool, he knew the Jews were charging Jesus because they envied Him.
 - v. It was the custom and legal for Pilate, a minor administrator, to totally pardon a guilty

person.

(1) Do you think that God may have the same right?

vi. Keep in mind that what is happening here will for ever change to status of man.

vii. Pilate knew Jesus was no guilty of any crime that was charged against Him, he wanted a way out of this.

(1) He is shifting the blame, he hopes, to the crowd.

viii. So now, again, we have seen the failure of the religious leaders, to represent a loving God, the failure of the law to protect a just man, and now the failure of the government to stand up to evil.

(1) So all three institutions that God created to benefit and protect man has now failed their test..

(a) So God will replace all three, the religious with His Son, the law with His Son who has a new law, He paid the price for all things and offers to man an abundant life, and the government He replaces with His Son who He declares; "I have placed Him over all things. Lord of Lord and King of Kings."

3. The price that Jesus paid for the "Sins of the World"

a. Mark 15:14b But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

i. Jesus will pay the price for the killer Barabbas, for it is Jesus that should have gone free.

(1) As we look at this, realize He is paying the price for you and me.

ii. He is stripped of His clothing.

iii. Then He is flogged.

(1) **2 Samuel 7:14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.

(2) **Psalms 89:32** I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;

(3) **Proverbs 20:30** Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being.

(4) **Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

(5) **Luke 12:47-48** "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

(6) **1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

iv. Now see with your spiritual eyes what takes place.

- (1) He is taken to the palace.
 - (a) mocking Him, He will never have a place like this.
- (2) Place a robe of purple on Him
 - (a) mocking His claim “King of the Jews”
- (3) Crowned Him with a crown of thorns.
 - (a) Mocking Him for His claim as a King.
 - (i) Crowns were not only worn by kings, but also by those who have great victories.
 - 1) This mocked His purpose of coming into the world, to defeat Satan and set man free of all sin.
 - a) Little did the pagans then and many in the church today realize that this very man would gain the greatest victory of all ages through these same sufferings.
- (4) Saluted Him and bowed their knee to Him in mockery as “King of the Jews”, not realizing that one day they will have to bow their knee to this name, the Name that is above all.
- (5) Spit upon Him, which represented their utter contempt of His claim to have any type of power.
- v. Now go back and look one more time at what Jesus did up to this point to save you.
- vi. Now go back and look at what Adam did that caused you to be lost.
 - (1) **Genesis 3:17** To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.
 - (a) Can any man gain salvation to day by following the Law?
 - (i) No!
 - (b) Why not!
 - (i) **Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 - 1) What is this Glory of God that we fall short of?
 - a) **John 17:22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:
- vii. Can I see this in scripture?
 - (1) **Romans 5:12-21** Therefore, just as **sin entered** the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--¹³for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.
 - (2) Romans 5: ¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life

for all men. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(3) Did Jesus pay enough?

(a) Do you need to pay more!

(i) Sin came into the world for all men through Adam.

(ii) Righteousness came into the world for all men through Jesus Christ.

1) What does man have to do, to receive this righteousness.

a) **Romans 10:8-14** But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

4. The Crucifixion

a. Mark 15:²¹A 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. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

i. The first line of this passage has a lot of meaning.

(1) There was a good chance that this man and his family were still known at the time of this writing.

(a) **Acts 19:33** The Jews pushed Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people.

(b) **Romans 16:13** Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

(2) The thing that we should take away from this passage, the soldiers had not turned soft hearted, Jesus was too weak to carry the cross. They did not want Him dying in the street.

ii. Three drinks were offered to Jesus.

(1) When He arrived at the cross.

(a) **Matthew 27:32-33** As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).

(2) While He was on the cross before the malefactor cried for mercy.

(a) **Luke 23:36** The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him

wine vinegar

- (3) At the end of His life
 - (a) **Matthew 27:48** Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.
 - (b) **John 19:29** A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.
- b. Mark 15:²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. ²⁵It was the third hour when they crucified him.
 - i. The third hour would be our nine in the morning.
 - ii. He remains on the cross for six hours, dying at 3:00 p.m. the time of the slaying of the Passover lambs.
 - (1) **Matthew 27:45-50** From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About 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?*" ⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." ⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." ⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
 - (2) **Luke 23:44-46** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*" When he had said this, he breathed his last.
- c. Mark 15:²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.
 - i. 9th Old Testament prophecy fulfilled in Mark
 - (1) **Isaiah 53:12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- d. Mark 15:²⁸⁻²⁹ 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, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!" ³¹In 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!"
 - i. His enemies were not content to have Jesus killed. They wanted Him humiliated, can you see the evil of Satan in this.
 - ii. The Temple statement was from His ministry.
 - (1) **John 2:19-21** Jesus answered them, "*Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.*" ²⁰The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body.
 - iii. They were not aware of the fact if He saved Himself, He could not of saved His family. [see previous study]
- e. Mark 15: ³²Let 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.
 - i. A vain promise, He did come up from the grave and they still did not believe Him.
 - (1) **Acts 1:3** After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many

convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

- (2) **Acts 4:1-3** The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.
 - (3) Jesus had to go to the cross, but He also had to raise from death.
 - (a) **Romans 4:25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
 - f. Mark 15:³³At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And 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?*" ³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." ³⁶One 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. ³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.
 - i. 10th Old Testament prophecy fulfilled in Mark.
 - (1) **Psalms 22:1** For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
 - (2) After spending eternity with the Father, the Son is now separated from Him.
 - (a) Points to the fact that the Father can not be in the presence of sin, even if it is His only begotten Son.
 - (b) This emphasizes the awfulness of sin and that it must be put away if fellowship with God is desired.
 - (i) **Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
 - (ii) **Hebrews 12:14** Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.
 - (iii) **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
5. The effect on the Old Covenant
 - a. Mark 15: ³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
 - i. At the death [sacrifice] of Jesus Christ the curtain that has separated The Holy of Holies, the place where the Father met with man once a year.
 - (1) **Hebrews 9:8** The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.
 - (2) **Hebrews 10:19-20** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
 - ii. Now not only the priests but all men can find God and have access to Him.

- (1) **Acts 2:21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
 - (2) **Romans 10:9-10** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
 - (3) **Ephesians 2:17-18** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
 - (4) **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
6. What effect did the death have on a man that has seen many men die?
 - a. ³⁹And 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!"
 - i. A man that commanded 100 hard shell soldiers.
 7. What about the close followers of Jesus
 - a. Mark 15:⁴⁰Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹In 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.
 - i. Six long hours they would have waited with Jesus.
 - ii. Importance - When scripture records names, events and times it is written in order of importance.
 - iii. The Order Here
 - (1) Mary Magdalene,
 - (a) Mary Magdalene,
 - (i) **Luke 8:2** and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;
 - (b) Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome
 - (i) Maria - wife of Cleopas and sister of Mary the mother of Jesus
 - 1) **Matthew 27:56** Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.
 - 2) **John 19:25** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
 8. The burial of Jesus
 - a. Mark 15:⁴²It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶So 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. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.
 - i. The Preparation Day
 - (1) This was the day that the lambs were killed the day before the High Sabbath, the Feast of Passover
 - (2) Not the ordinaire weekly sabbath.
 - (a) **Leviticus 23:6-7** On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD'S Feast of

Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. ⁷On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

- ii. The main actor in this drama is not the disciples or the woman that attended Him while He was alive. It was Joseph of Arimathea.
 - (1) What we should know of this man!
 - (a) He was a honorable counselor
 - (b) He was waiting [looking for] the Kingdom of God
 - (2) Look at what He did.
 - (a) went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
 - (i) ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead.
 - (ii) Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.
 - (iii) ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that it was so
 - (iv), he gave the body to Joseph.
 - (b) ⁴⁶So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock.
 - (i) If this had not happened the body of Jesus would have been thrown in a common grave with the others crucified on this day.
 - 1) **Isaiah 53:9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
 - (c) Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.
- b. And here we see why the two woman were pointed out before, they will be the two that followed along and seen where Jesus was buried.
 - i. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.