



WEEK EIGHT

July 26, 2020

"Rejection"

Text: Mark 15: 16-32

Big Idea: At the cross of Calvary, the Lord's eternal plan for human redemption reached a crescendo and Jesus accomplished an awesome work on our behalf. To experience the abundant life God has for us, we must be well acquainted with Jesus' suffering and death.

Memory verse: "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." Mark 10:45

Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: _____

Outreach/Ministry Reports: _____

Prayer Time: _____

Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: _____

Read the Text: _____

Facilitate Bible Study: _____

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: Can you describe a time when you felt the rejection of others? What was it like?

Briefly describe the context of our study passage (14: 32-15:15). Read 15: 16-19. How many soldiers were involved in the mistreatment of Jesus (v.16)? Was this treatment unexpected by the Lord (see Mark 10:33-34)? What would motivate the soldiers to mock and beat a hurting man who had done nothing wrong? Read Romans 3: 10-18. Are there any limits to what evils mankind can do? What does this imply about your own heart?

What is the significance of the robe, crown and stick in verses 17-18? In what other way did the soldiers mock Jesus (18)? In what ways do these items point to the divinity of Jesus? The

soldiers did in jest what they should have done in sincerity. Read Phil. 2:9-10. Is there any part of your life that rails against the Sovereign rule of Jesus? Have you literally bowed to His Lordship over your life?

In verse 20, the soldiers again strip Jesus of His mock attire to prepare Him for crucifixion. Do you see a spiritual correlation (Isa. 61:10)? Who was Simon of Cyrene and what did he do? (v.21)? Where was Jesus taken? Do you think the suffering Jesus endured is a reminder of the severity of our sin? Why do you think Jesus declined the drink (1 Peter 3:18)? What were the soldiers doing while Jesus suffered (v.24)?

What was the “charge” against Jesus (v.26)? What do we know of the two men crucified with Him (Luke 23: 32-43)? Describe the ridicule of Jesus taking place in verses 29-30. What did the mocking crowd misunderstand about Jesus destroying and rebuilding the temple? Read verse 30. How would you have reacted to that insult? What does Jesus’ response tell us about His meekness and devotion to the Father’s will?

Who else got in on the mocking of Jesus (v. 31)? Do you think the religious leaders were delighted by what they saw (Mark 3:6)? How can “religion” blind people to the reality of their own evil hearts?

In verse 32, another group of people mocked Jesus. Who were they? Mark paints a vivid picture of the utter loneliness and mental and emotional trauma Jesus endured. Religious leaders, soldiers, spectators, passersby and convicted criminals hurled venomous words at Him. How do you respond when hateful words are hurled at you like daggers? How should you respond (Hebrews 12:3)? Also, consider these Biblical exhortations when wronged: Romans 12: 19-21; Galatians 5: 14-15; 1 Thess. 4:6; 1 Peter 3: 10-12)

Are you ever really alone (Matthew 28:20)?

Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):

In response to God’s revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?

Our text for August 2 -- Mark 16:1-8 (Resurrection)

