

PREACHING CURRICULUM

We are the Reason

Mark 15:1-20

'...Crucify HIM!!...we are the reason Jesus died...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Mark 15:1-20

Why do the scriptures take the time to list all the parties present at the trial?

To the charge of blasphemy why was Jesus innocent?

To the charge of treason why was Jesus innocent?

Do we see what is foreshadowed in the mocking of the King (vs. 16-19)?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you see the irony in the truth of the one answer Jesus did give ("you have said it correctly")?

Do you recognize yourself among the trial jury, or the fickle crowd?

Do you recognize your guilt exposed? More importantly, do you recognize the grace expressed?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What do we learn about the Pharisees when we understand the falsity of their charge?

What do we learn about the Gentiles (personified in Pilate) when we understand the falsity of their charge?

What do we learn about ourselves as we consider that a man who brought death (Barabbas), was exchanged for one who literally brought life?

Can we give proper glory to Christ who won the victory by securing grace for us?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

If sin is being what we aren't, while denying God what He is...

Passivity is culpable inactivity.

What will you do now, this week, in the reality of the events of that day?

Will you surrender again, and again, and again as necessary, to ensure God gets the glory?