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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Mark 15:1-15

“The Great Exchange”

- I. The Title – 1:1 – “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50
 - B. The Judean Ministry: What Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41
 - 1. On the Way to Jerusalem (10:1-52)
 - 2. At the Temple in Jerusalem (11:1 - 13:37)
 - 3. In and Around Jerusalem (14:1 - 15:41)
 - a. Plot – 14:1-11
 - b. Passover – 14:12-26
 - c. Prediction – 14:26-31
 - d. Prayer – 14:32-42
 - e. Plot Carried Out – 14:43-65
 - f. Prediction Fulfilled – 14:66-72
 - g) Pilate – 15:1-15 (cf. Mt. 27:1-2, 11-26; Lk. 23:1-25; Jn. 18:28-40)

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. Why did the chief priests, elders, scribes, and whole Council (Sanhedrin) meet early in the morning? (See Mt. 27:1-2) What did they need to do before they took Jesus to Pilate? What did they tell Pilate Jesus did that was worthy of death? (See Lk. 23:2) Why didn't they stick with the original charge of blasphemy?
2. Who was Pilate? What authority did he have? Why was it significant that Jesus would claim to be the King of the Jews?
3. Why didn't Jesus answer the accusations being leveled against Him? [Note that He did the same thing before the high priest (Mk. 14:61) and before Herod (Lk. 23:9)] What might have happened if Jesus defended Himself against the accusations?
4. Who was Barabbas? What does his name mean? What were the crimes for which he was convicted? (See Jn. 18:40; Mk. 15:7; Lk. 28:18) What would be the penalty for those crimes?
5. Did Pilate believe Jesus was guilty of any crimes? According to verse 11, what did Pilate believe was the motive of the religious leaders? What does that word mean? Do people still reject Jesus for that same reason?
6. Is the crowd crying out for Jesus to be crucified the same crowd that earlier in the week shouted 'Hosanna'?
7. What was the reason that Pilate gave in to the crowd and gave Jesus over to be crucified? Do people still reject Jesus for that same reason today?
8. What is a scourge? What does it mean to be scourged? What prophecy did it fulfill when Jesus was beaten this way?
9. Why did Pastor Paul entitle this message, "The Great Exchange"? What exchange takes place in this passage?
10. Read John 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:18. What is the Great Exchange? Have you accepted this gift from God? If not, why not? If so, how would reflecting upon this when you first wake up every morning impact the way you live the rest of the day?
11. Who do you know that needs to hear about the Great Exchange? Pray for them and then go tell them what God has done for them through the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ.