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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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Mark 15:16-32

## **“The Passion of Jesus Christ – Part One”**

- 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
  - h. Passion – 15:16-41 (cf. Mt. 27:27-56; Lk. 23:26-49; Jn. 19:1-30)**

### **1) Shame (16-20)**

### **2) Simon (21)**

### **3) Skull (22-26)**

### **4) Scripture (27-28)**

### **5) Strength (29-32)**

**So what?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. What does the word “passion” mean? Why do you think people chose that word to describe the suffering and death of Jesus? Give some examples of passion in the life and ministry of Jesus; especially in His commitment to go to the cross. Now read Heb. 12:1-3. What is the challenge from the author of Hebrews in light of the passion of Jesus?
2. Read Jn. 19:1-5; Mk. 15:15-19; 27:27-30. Was Jesus “scourged” more than once? If so, what was the point of the first one? What was the point of the second one? Why do the gospel writers give us these details? What do they want us to learn from the scourging of Jesus?
3. What is the Praetorium? How many soldiers make up a cohort? Why would the whole Roman cohort want to be involved in mocking Jesus as King? What was the point of the purple clothing, crown, and reed? Why did they say, “Hail, King of the Jews!”?
4. In verse 19 it says they “kept” beating His head... spitting... kneeling. With hundreds of soldiers there taking turns, how much abuse did Jesus take? What does that tell you about God? His holiness? His view of sin? His love for sinners? What does that tell you about man? Man’s rejection of God’s sovereign rule? The evil that resides in the hearts of men? What men will do when given permission?
5. If Jesus has been scourged twice, then had purple garments put on, and then He was mocked & beaten for an extended period of time, what would happen when they later took off the purple garments? Does this help you understand why Jesus physically couldn’t carry His cross to the site of crucifixion?
6. Who was Simon? Why does Mark give the names of his two boys? What would go through your mind if you were forced to carry the cross of a convicted criminal through a crowded street? What impact would this have on his ability to participate in the Passover? What are the similarities and differences between Simon and Barabbas?
7. Why does the crucifixion site have the name Golgotha (Place of a Skull)? Why did they try to give Him wine mixed with myrrh? Why didn’t He take it?
8. What Scripture was fulfilled when they cast lots for His garments? What else does that passage of Scripture have to say about the crucifixion?
9. What Scripture was fulfilled when He was crucified between two robbers? What else does that chapter have to say about the crucifixion of the Messiah?
10. How many different groups of people were hurling abuse at Jesus? How did their mean-spirited words actually support the message of the gospel and validate Jesus as the Messiah?
11. Both of the men crucified with Jesus were insulting Him at the beginning? What do you think happened to the one thief to change His mind about Jesus? (See Lk. 23:39-43)
12. Read Romans 5:5-11. How much does Jesus love you? How much do you love Jesus?