

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 62

MARK 15:1-15

REVIEW:

1. At last Jesus had let His enemies capture Him. Jesus knew God's time had come for Him to die for us. He did not try to get away.
2. It was night when they took Jesus, but His enemies were in a hurry to kill Him. The Jews' law said they could not hold a trial at night, but they broke the law. The Jewish leaders held court that very night.
3. Peter denied Jesus _____ times the night of Jesus' trial. Peter was very sorry that he denied His Lord. He cried much after he did that.

READ MARK 15:1-5

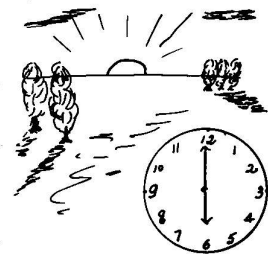
JESUS TRIED BY PILATE

The men in the court of the high priest tried to prove Jesus was guilty of death.

1. They used false witnesses who said lying words.
2. When Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, they said He blasphemed.

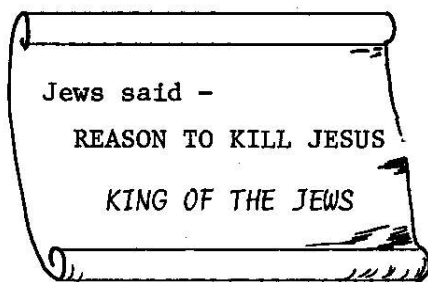
The next step was to have Jesus put to death. The Roman law said that the Jews could not kill a prisoner. (John 18:31) The 70 men of the Jews' court had to ask the Romans to put Jesus to death. They had to make their plans that night because Roman court met very early in the morning - at daylight. Perhaps they were afraid Jesus would get away so they worked quickly.

1. When did the high priest call his court together? (Mark 15:1)
2. The scribes, elders and chief priests listened to the words of the high priest. They made evil plans with murder in their hearts. They tried Jesus like a criminal is tried. Where did they take Him? (verse 1)



(Pilate was the Roman ruler of Jerusalem and all Judaea.)

3. The high priest and his followers knew that Jesus had many followers. Some of the followers of Jesus tried to make Him king. Now the Jewish leaders said Jesus tried to make Himself king of the Jews. The Roman rulers would be mad if they knew Jesus might try to make Himself king. This was the trap the Jews used to get the Romans to put Jesus to death. What was the first question Pilate asked Jesus? (Mark 15:2)



4. How did Jesus answer Pilate?
(In other words, Jesus told Pilate that this was right.)

5. Did the chief priests say more things against Jesus? (verse 3)

"The chief priests accused Him of

6. What did Jesus say to defend Himself? This is a good lesson for us. What should we do when people talk against us when we do the right thing? Should we argue with them or should we say nothing?

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

7. Pilate could not understand why Jesus said nothing. He expected Him to speak against His enemies. He thought Jesus would speak for Himself. What did Pilate say to Jesus when He did not defend Himself? (verse 4)

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"Behold how many things they

In other words, Pilate asked Jesus if He did not hear the bad things they were saying against Him. He just could not understand things they were

saying against Him. He just could not understand why Jesus let them get away with talking about Him like that.

8. Still Jesus said nothing. He let His enemies talk about Him all they wanted to. They lied about Him. Still He said not one word. Pilate knew Jesus would even let them kill Him.

How did Pilate feel when he saw Jesus had peace, no matter what the Jews said against Him? (verse 5)

“But Jesus answered nothing, so that Pilate .”

READ John 19:7,8. Pilate heard Jesus’ enemies say He claimed to be the Son of God. How did Pilate feel then? (John 19:8)

“When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was .”

Pilate knew that Jesus as no ordinary man.

READ MARK 15:6-16

When Jesus was on trial, the Jews were having a feast. It was the feast of the Passover. You will remember the Jews kept this feast every year to remind them of Egypt. The angel of death went through the streets at midnight. The angel killed the oldest child in every family if the lamb’s blood was not over the door. When God saw the blood, He said,

“When I see the blood, I will **pass over** you.”

So every year the Jews kept the feast of the Passover.

BARABBAS

The Jews did something at the Passover feast. They asked the Romans to free one prisoner from the jail. No matter how bad the prisoner was, they let him go free.

1. Who was the worst prisoner in the jail? (verse 7)
2. How can you tell this was a bad man? (verse 7)

“He lay in jail.”

They kept Barabbas tied up all the time he was in jail. The keeper knew Barabbas was a very dangerous man.

3. List some of the bad things Barabbas had done:
 - a. Mark 15:7 He had made . (riot and fighting)
 - b. Mark 15:7 He had committed .
 - c. John 18:40 Barabbas was a .

Barabbas was a Jew who hated Romans. The Romans ruled over the Jews. The Romans charged the Jews many taxes. Barabbas stirred up other men to riot and fighting (insurrection) against their Romans rulers. He must have killed someone in the fights. Roman law said that a man who did those things had to die. He must be crucified on a cross. Did Pilate know that Barabbas deserved to die?

JESUS

1. Had Pilate found anything wrong with Jesus? John 19:6
“ . . . I find in .”
Luke 23:14 - Again Pilate said,
“I have examined Him before you, and found in Him.”
2. Luke 23:15 - Jesus was tried in King Herod's court. What did King Herod say about Jesus after he had tried Him?
“ . . . and, lo, done by Him.”
3. Did Pilate know why the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus killed. (Mark 15:10)
. Why did the Jewish leaders hate Jesus? .
4. Pilate really wanted to let Jesus go free. He did not know how to do it. Then the people began to yell. They wanted Pilate to keep the Passover custom, and let one of the prisoners go free. Now was Pilate's chance. He had tried Barabbas,

and found him to be a dangerous criminal. He had tried Jesus and found nothing wrong with Him.

Which prisoner did Pilate think they should let go free? (verse 9)

“The _____ of the Jews.”

Who would that be? _____ .

5. Who stirred up the people and told them to ask for Barabbas? (verse 11)

_____. Their jealousy and envy and hatred had at last condemned Him. They chose a man who was a fighter, a robber, and murderer instead of the Son of God Who never did one sin. Even worse, they stirred up the people to call for Barabbas instead of Jesus.

6. If Pilate let Barabbas go, what should he do with Jesus? He did not know. He asked the yelling crowd of people, led by the chief priests. What did Pilate ask them in verse 12?

“What shall I do unto Him whom ye call _____ of the _____ .”

7. What did the yelling crowd say to do with Jesus? (verse 13)

“ _____ .”

8. Pilate asked them why. He asked them what bad thing He had done. But they couldn't tell him. All they did was scream louder yet, (verse 14)

“ _____ .”

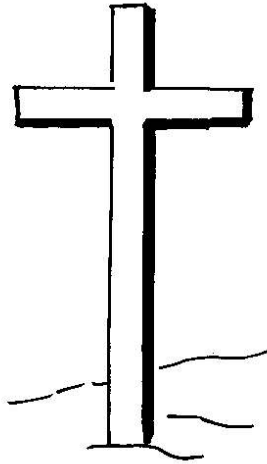
9. According to Roman law, Barabbas would be crucified on a cross. The sinner must be punished for his crimes. But Barabbas went free. The ropes that bound him were cut. The prison doors were unlocked, and Barabbas walked out a free man. WHY? Because somebody else was nailed to the cross instead of Barabbas. And that Someone was the sinless Son of God.

WHO SHOULD DIE?

Barabbas?

*fighter
murderer
robber*

*The sinner went
FREE!*



Jesus?

no sin

*The One without sin
DIED!*

You and I deserved to die and go to hell for our sins. We are the sinners but Jesus died for our sins. Just like Barabbas, we can go free, when we are willing to look to Jesus. We can tell Him, "Lord, Jesus, I know I am the sinner. You died for me. Thank you for dying in my place. From now on I want to really live for YOU. I know You will help me to be true. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dying to set me free."

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