

# REVEALED

## An Exposition of the Book of Mark



### You Killed the Innocent King?

Mark 15:1-20

#### Overview

#### **I. Where were you in the crowd?**

- Pilate: Saw the innocence of Christ and was swayed by the crowds
- Chief Priests: Were envious of Jesus in his taking away their power & influence
- Crowd: Easily deceived by religious leaders
- Soldiers: Mocking Jesus
- Judas: Sold Jesus for Greed
- Disciples: Ashamed and fearful of ramifications of being a follower of Jesus

#### **II. Jesus was an Innocent King who suffered for his guilty servants**

- Innocent: Pilate found no fault in Him (Mk. 15.14)
  - Scriptures testify to His being void of sin (2 Cor. 5.21, Hebrews 4.16, etc.)
- King: Charged w/ being a King & He agrees (Mk. 15.2)
  - His Kingdom is a Kingdom beyond this world (John 18)
- Suffered: Beaten, scourged, mocked, spat upon (Mk. 15.16-20)
- Yet Jesus was silent through all of this...why?
  - B/c this was why He came (Mk. 10.45)
  - He fulfilled Scripture in being led away like a lamb to a slaughter (Is. 53)

#### Questions

*Discussion Starter: For those familiar with this story, what has been your opinion of all the people in the crowd? (Had you seen yourself in those people before?)*

1. Why was it Pilate, being convinced of Jesus' innocence, chose to still crucify him?
2. What is it about the fearful reactions of our fellow man and the willingness to "satisfy the crowds" that is deceptively more beautiful than Christ? Why do we want to satisfy the crowds so much?
3. What was Jesus essentially asking of the Chief Priests that would cause them to react so violently? (submission) Why would this be so repulsive to them?
4. What is it about power & influences that causes us to fight against anything that attempts to take it away?
5. How can you guard against being easily swayed by "religious leaders" and holding fast to the truth and knowing a lie when you hear it?
6. Why if Jesus was innocent did he remain so silent in the face of adversaries?
7. If a King, why wouldn't He just get out of the way of all of this pain and suffering?
8. What does it say of the Kingdom, that its King would be willing to lay down His life for rebellious servants?

9. Take some time to consider the brutality of vs. 16-20, connect that to the purpose for which He came, and then discuss why it is we have so much difficulty loving our Savior more than our world.
10. Why is it we keep this Innocent Suffering King to ourselves so often and say we love him, yet struggle to live for him and tell of his love to others?