

Kingdom Rising
“Coronation of the King”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: Give an example in real life or in a movie/novel when someone “controlled the room” by their self-control.

KEY THOUGHT: ***Despite appearances, Jesus is still the True King***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 15:1-15

1. Who seems to be controlling Jesus’ fate here? What indicates they may not be in control?
2. What repeated phrase points to the true identity of Jesus? How does this identity contrast with His apparent circumstances?
3. What is ironic about Barabbas’ release? How does he point to a larger reality?

Read Mark 15:16-20

4. Point out the specific descriptions of abuse Jesus suffered here. What is the cumulative effect of reading these descriptions?
5. How does it change the impact of this passage to read it in light of the coronation of a Roman emperor?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Isaiah 53:7

1. What parallels do you see between this prophecy and Mark 15?
2. What connection do you see between the Passover festival and this passage?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Is it difficult for you to see someone as being in control of a situation even while they are silent? Why or why not?
2. What is your reaction to Pilate’s handling of Jesus? To the crowd’s handling of Jesus? To the soldiers’ handling of Jesus?
3. What situation in your life seems out of control right now? How does Jesus’ Kingship in the midst of trial and mockery speak to your situation?

PRAY...

that we will trust fully in Jesus’ Kingship even when circumstances appear out of control.