

Kingdom Rising
“Procession and Crucifixion”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What is the most dramatic procession you have witnessed?

KEY THOUGHT: ***For King Jesus, crucifixion is coronation***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 15:16-32

1. What elements of this text strike you as similar to the coronation procession of an ascending Roman emperor?
2. How does it impact your understanding of this scene to compare it to a coronation?
3. What specific repeated phrase suggests that Mark intended us to think of this as coronation?

Read Mark 15:33-39

4. What two signs point to God’s involvement from heaven in this scene? What is significant about the order of the signs?
5. What is significant about the centurion’s words, and that it’s the centurion that is saying them?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Psalm 22:27-31

1. Mark makes three references to Psalm 22 – in verses 1, 7, and 18. What is the tone of these verses?
2. What is the impact on Mark’s readers who know that Psalm 22 ends with verses 27-31?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. What did you think of the term “Good Friday” before this study? Now what do you think?
2. Describe your understanding of God’s wrath. Why do you think some people say that at the cross, God’s love and justice (wrath) meet?
3. How would it affect your prayer for unbelievers if you saw them as eventual recipients of God’s wrath?
4. What current life situation are you facing that finds “good news” in Good Friday?

PRAY...

that we will not wait for resurrection to celebrate, but will celebrate in sacrifice.

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