

Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday Morning Bible Study

Mark – Chapter Fifteen

1. What is meant by “the whole Council?”

2. What was the charge the Sanhedrin had arrived at? (14:64)

3. Why did the Council deliver Jesus over to Pilate?

4. What charge was given to Pilate by the Whole Council? (Luke 23:2)

5. What is meant by Jesus’ response, “you have said so?”

6. What else do we learn about the Sanhedrin's plan in verse four?

7. Why would Jesus make no answer?

8. Verse six introduces us to a Roman practice of the first century in Jerusalem. What was it? Why was this done?

9. Verse seven is connected to the Roman practice introduced in verse six. Why is this information presented?

10. Carefully read verses 8-13. There is an interesting shift in these verses.

A) Who asks Pilate about the Roman practice? Why?

B) How did Pilate respond? Why? (See also Matthew 27:17)

C) Who first responded to Pilate's offer? How?

D) What shift do you notice?

11. Pilate recognized this shift and asked, "Why, what evil has He done?" What was the purpose of this question?

12. Did the crowd answer Pilate's question? Why?

13. What was a Roman scourging? Why would Pilate have this done? (Matthew 27:26; Luke 23:22; John 19:1-5)

14. What was a battalion?

15. What was the job of this battalion?

16. Why was a purple cloak put on Jesus?

17. If Simon of Cyrene was coming in from the country, where was Jesus going or being taken to? Why?

18. What is meant by the word, “compelled?”

19. Why did Mark mention the names of Simon’s sons? (Romans 16:13)

20. Where was Cyrene? What can we learn from this?

21. What was the purpose of offering the condemned wine mixed with myrrh? Why didn't Jesus accept it?

22. Consider your answer to the last question. How does this relate to hell? (Revelation 14:10)

23. What is the significance of the soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments?

24. What was the third hour?

25. What was written on the inscription of the charge against Jesus? Why?

26. What is meant by "wagging their heads?"

27. Both those who passed by and the chief priests with the scribes asked or taunted Jesus to do the same thing. What was it? Why did they ask this?

28. Ironically, what did chief priests and scribes acknowledge in their mocking of Christ?

29. What occurred from the sixth to the ninth hour?

30. “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?” Answer Christ’s question. (Isaiah 59:2; Habakkuk 1:13a)

31. What was Jesus’ loud cry? (John 19:30) What does this mean?

32. Think back to your answers for questions 30 and 31. How does this relate to the tearing of the temple curtain? Where was this curtain? Why was it torn from the top down?

33. What else happened at the time of Jesus’ death? (Matthew 27:52-53) What effect did all of this have on the pagan Centurion? The Council? (Matthew 27:62-64)

34. What is meant by Joseph of Arimathea taking courage?

35. What is the significance of the two Marys' seeing where Jesus was buried?
