

The Mistreated King on the Cross

Mark 15:21-32

- I. The King Abused – Soldiers mock Jesus as the “King of the Jews” (Mark 15:16-20)
 - A. Purple robe and crown of thorns (16-18)
 - B. Struck with rod, spit on, mocked (19-20)

- II. The King Crucified – Pilate declares Jesus the “King of the Jews” (Mark 15:21-27)
 - A. Cross carried by conscripted Simon of Cyrene (21).
 - B. Offered sedative which he refused (22-23).
 - C. Crucified at 9 AM (24a, 25)
 - D. Lots cast by the soldiers for his clothes (24b)
 - E. Cross Inscription – *King of the Jews* (26; John 19:20)
 - F. Crucified between two thieves (27; “numbered with sinners – Isaiah 53:12)

- III. The King Insulted – Onlookers insult Jesus as powerless “King of Israel” (Mark 15:28-32)
 - A. Mocked by various ones for his claim of resurrection (28-30).
 - B. Mocked by Jewish Leaders for His inability to save Himself as the Messiah and “King of Israel” (31-32a).
 - C. Mocked by the two robbers also (32b).

The changed heart of one robber (Luke 23:39-43)

- He knew of Jesus’ offer of forgiveness (34).
- He understood God’s judgment (40).
- He admitted the guilt of his sin (41a).
- He acknowledged Christ’s holiness (41b).
- He simply asked in faith for forgiveness and heaven (42).
- Jesus freely assured him of heaven – without any good works (43)!