

## **“CRUCIFYING THE KING”**

**Mark 15:21-32**

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### **I. How did the Jews & Gentiles continue to destroy Jesus? (vv. 21-27)**

*“they compelled a passerby... to carry his cross”*

*“Golgotha” (Aramaic) ☒ calvariae locus (Latin)*

*“wine mixed with myrrh”*

*“divided his garments among them”*

*“they crucified him”*

**Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_ & emotional torture at the hands of His enemies.**

**Leviticus 10:8-9**

**Psalms 22:17-18**

**Proverbs 3:4-5**

**Galatians 3:1**

*“... the most wretched of all ways of dying...”*

-Josephus

*“The cruelest and most hideous punishment possible.”*

-Cicero

*“Can any man be found willing to be fastened to the accursed tree, long sickly, already deformed, swelling with ugly weals on shoulders and chest, and drawing the breath of life amid long-drawn-out agony?”*

-Seneca

*“Whenever we crucify the guilty, the most crowded roads are chosen where the most people can see and be moved by this fear. For penalties relate not so much to retribution as to their exemplary effect.”*

-Quintilian

### **II. How do we see the complete rejection of Jesus as King of the Jews? (vv. 26, 28-32)**

*“The King of the Jews”*

*1st, “those who passed by derided him”*

*2nd, “the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another”*

*3rd. “those who were crucified with him also reviled him”*

Jesus & disciples experience \_\_\_\_\_ from all sides.

**Psalms 3:1-2**

**1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-24**

**Hebrews 13:11-13**

*“And whenever God does not assist us according to our wish, but conceals his aid for a little time, it is a frequent stratagem of Satan, to allege that our hope was to no purpose, as if his promise had failed.”* -John Calvin

**III. Are we to think that evil has triumphed? (vv. 21, 30-32)**

*“save yourself, come don’t from the cross ... he cannot save himself.”*

*“Simon of Cyrene ... father of Alexander and Rufus”*

God works \_\_\_\_\_ out of evil because of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

*“He could have given no clearer hint of the power of God’s kingdom than this- in his weakest hour, Jesus began his reign of grace in one home and family!”* -Sinclair Ferguson

*“God determined that his own Son should be stripped of his raiment, that we, clothed with his righteousness and with abundance of all good things, may appear with boldness in company with the angels...”* -John Calvin

**BIG IDEA:**

Jesus didn’t save \_\_\_\_\_ in order to save \_\_\_\_\_.

**Going Deeper:**

1. What about the crucifixion makes you most uncomfortable?
2. Which would you find more difficult: physical pain or rejection? Why?
3. How does Satan use this against you?
4. How has God worked good from your difficulties?
5. What difficulty do you need to trust God with now?