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<p>14:1, 2 The high priests plotted</p> <p>Priests plotted to kill Jesus People riot? Passover in 2 days</p> <p>DEATH at the hands of the priests</p>	<p>14:17-21 The betrayer</p> <p>He was one of the 12 who dipped bread with Jesus</p> <p>The betrayer was rejected</p> <p>Judas would not CELEBRATE this meal again</p>	<p>14:43-50 Jesus was arrested</p> <p>Arrested by armed crowd but why did they not arrest him while he taught in the temple?</p> <p>Silent WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:1-5 Jesus before Pilate</p> <p>Are you THE KING OF THE JEWS? <i>A question of identity: Who was the accused before him?</i></p> <p>He was accused of many things but gave no answer</p>	<p>15:28-32 Jesus' suffering on the cross</p> <p>“Others he saved, but himself he cannot save.” Come down from the cross and we will believe! Others cursed him! COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS!</p>
<p>14:3-9 Jesus was anointed</p> <p>Ate with Simon Costly perfume for burial The woman was to be remembered wherever the gospel was preached in the whole world</p> <p>ANOINTED by a woman</p>	<p>14:22-26 The New Covenant</p> <p>Bread & cup was body & blood of covenant shed for many</p> <p>Many beyond 12 would be received They CELEBRATED and one day Jesus would again CELEBRATE in the kingdom</p>	<p>14:51, 52 A young man fled</p> <p>He followed and was seized He fled naked, leaving behind the sheet he covered himself with</p> <p>Absent WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:6-15 Barabbas or Jesus?</p> <p>Barabbas the murderer</p> <p>“What shall I do then with him whom you call THE KING OF THE JEWS?”</p> <p><i>A question of morality: Who was to be punished, the evil doer or the scapegoat?</i> Crucify him!</p>	<p>15:34-41 Jesus' death</p> <p>Darkness , noon to 3pm</p> <p>Why forsaken? Curtain of temple torn. The centurion and the women witnessed his death WOULD ELIJAH BRING HIM DOWN FROM THE CROSS?</p>
<p>14:10,11 Judas to betray Jesus</p> <p>High priests offered money to Judas</p> <p>Judas looked for the right moment</p> <p>BETRAYED by Judas</p>	<p>14:27-31 Warnings in the Mount of Olives</p> <p>All would fall away, Jesus would rise & go to Galilee, Peter to disown 3 times Peter's response was, “We die first!”</p> <p>Disciples regrouped and received back. They would CELEBRATE again</p>	<p>14:53-65 The trial of Jesus</p> <p>In the house of the high priest Falsely accused of blasphemy</p> <p>Condemned to Death</p> <p>False WITNESSES</p>	<p>15:16-20 Soldiers mocked Jesus</p> <p>They placed a robe & crown of thorns on him, and worshiped in a false spirit "Hail, KING OF THE JEWS!"</p> <p>A question of worship: Who will be worshiped? Some Caesars were worshiped as gods</p>	<p>15:42-47 Jesus' burial</p> <p>Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in linen and rolled a stone over his tomb carved from a rock</p> <p>Women saw burial</p> <p>THEY TOOK HIS BODY DOWN FROM THE CROSS</p>
<p>14:12-16 Preparations</p> <p>2 prepared the Passover</p> <p>Follow into the city a man with a jar Ask the owner of the room where I will eat the Passover with my disciples</p> <p>PREPARATIONS by the disciples</p>	<p>14:32-42 Jesus prayed</p> <p>3 groups Your will! 3 prayers The body and the spirit Intimacy with Christ is not via the flesh; intimacy is via the spirit. These 4 scenes tell us that while we live in a physical universe fellowship with Christ is in the spirit. CELEBRATE in the Spirit</p>	<p>14:66-72 Peter denied Jesus</p> <p>3 denials with curses The cock crowed twice in fulfillment of Jesus' word</p> <p>The (negative) WITNESS who denied being a witness</p>	<p>15:21-27 The crucifixion</p> <p>Crucifixion on Golgotha They divided his clothes</p> <p>Charge: THE KING OF THE JEWS <i>A question of authority: Who has the final word?</i></p> <p>Crucified between 2 thieves</p>	<p>16:1-8 Jesus rose!</p> <p>2 women went to the tomb</p> <p>Risen – empty tomb</p> <p>The disciples were to go to Galilee for he went before them</p> <p>HE WAS NOT THERE! HE HAD RISEN!</p>

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“The King of the Jews”

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Review

Questions to aid in the study of this section of Mark 15:1-28

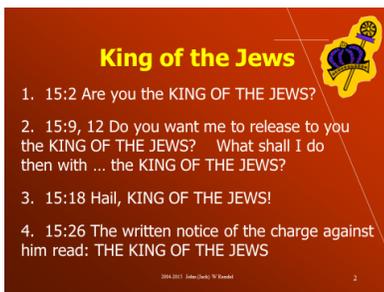
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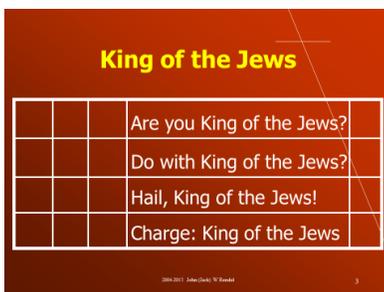
When Zechariah wrote in his prophecy, chapter 9 and verse 9, “*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you ...*,” he also added, “... *righteous and having salvation ... (ESV)*. He went on to describe how the Messiah would ride on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The main point is that the prophet proclaimed Jesus as the King of Jerusalem!

Jesus had lived a just and righteous life in all his dealings. Those who lived most closely with him said he never lied even once. He was the righteous Messiah!

But the prophet also proclaimed that he had salvation.



Mark chapter 15 verses 1 through 28 spread out before us four scenes in which Jesus is referred to in each as “the King of the Jews”. These four scenes are at the heart of what Jesus, the just and righteous King did to bring his salvation to us.



This is how these four stories fit into the whole section of 20 stories. The first three columns in this chart, which are blank, each represent 1) four scenes in which Jesus is out and about in public, 2) four scenes in which he is gathered with his disciples for the Passover supper, and 3)

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four in which he is arrested and placed on trial overnight before members of the Jewish council. The last column represents four scenes in which he is in the hands of God, hanging on the cross, buried and raised again. In the fourth column we find the four scenes in which he is taken to Pilate, the Roman governor, ending in his crucifixion. Each of these four scenes is represented by a question or statement including the phrase, "... the king of the Jews."

I. Are you the king of the Jews? 15:1-5



No authority

Jewish authorities took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, and humanly speaking, the final authority over them. They had arrested Jesus the night before. They had put him on trial illegally all night. They had accused him falsely and only allowed witnesses into that trial who were against him. They condemned him worthy of death. Now, because they did not have the authority to carry out his execution they brought him to Pilate.

A question of identity

Pilate first used the phrase, "the King of the Jews," to try to determine Jesus' identity. Did Jesus, himself, believe he was the King of the Jews? Jesus confirmed that he was indeed the King of the Jews. To admit this to the Roman Governor was dangerous. The Romans ruled. They set up and removed Kings. Herod the Great was King because he went to Rome to request that position. Julius Caesar granted it to him.

But we will talk more about this later.

Names and titles

For the moment let's remember that our names and titles help people identify us. Often when you travel from one country to another the officials ask you to fill out forms. You have to write down your name. They ask what your profession is. When I visit a church people ask me my name. They ask for my title. They ask what I do in my mission. All these things help them begin to identify me in their minds.

I had a problem as a child. My name is Jack and as a small boy my family called me "Jackie". But I was growing up in Africa and in the language of the Africans "Jackie" meant *donkey*. I was embarrassed but the Africans changed my name from Jacky to "Zaki". Zaki meant lion. That's how I was identified in Africa.

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Pilate was trying to identify Jesus. Here was a man standing before him who was being bombarded with accusations by the leaders of his people. Pilate was amazed to find that Jesus answered none of the accusations!

Under his jurisdiction

Today, we also must ask ourselves who Jesus is. Pilate needed to know because Jesus was under his jurisdiction.

We need to know who Jesus is because if he is the Creator and Lord of the universe, as the Bible teaches in the Letter to the Colossians, chapter one, we are under his jurisdiction.

While Jesus was a Jew and the Messiah for the Jews we know the promise of blessing to the Gentiles would come through the seed of Abraham. That was promised to Abraham in Genesis chapter 12. If Jesus was that seed then he was to bless and rule both Jew and Gentile.

Is Jesus my King? Is he yours? That is his claim and he must be taken seriously. He did the miracles no other man did. He taught as no other man taught. He loved people as no other man. He made claims that no other man made.

Only God

One day he told a paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven (2:5). The teachers of the law objected to this in their hearts, "*Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone*" (2:7 NIV)? Jesus knew what they were thinking and challenged them. "*Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?*" (2:9 NIV)? Jesus was claiming to be God. In Mark's gospel it was at this point that opposition against Jesus began.

Jesus went on to suffer on the cross a death he could have avoided. Then he rose again from the dead, as no other man did. He conquered death.

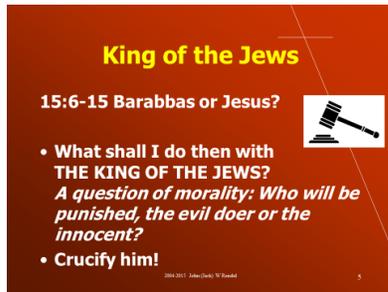
What a privilege it is to know who Jesus is and to declare him our King!

Accused of many things

These few verses of chapter 15, verses 1 through 5, are extremely brief but the silence says as much as the words. When the Jewish authorities took Jesus to Pilate they accused him of many things but he said nothing. Pilate was amazed! He was quite used to hearing people accuse and counter accuse each other, accompanied by swearing and cursing. If Jesus was going to die for our sins, and he did, our sins were indefensible, so he said nothing. His silence also seems to be the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:7. One might ask if this verse in Isaiah is strictly true as it says he did not open his mouth, but he did answer the High Priest (14:51-52) and he did answer Pilate (15:2). Isaiah 53:7 says that he was oppressed and afflicted and he did not open his mouth. There is a difference between straight forward questions and "many accusations." "Many accusations" could be identified with oppression and affliction, and in response to that he did not open his mouth.

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II. Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews? 15:6-15



A custom revisited

In the second story in chapter 15:6-15 Pilate asks another question, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” Here is that phrase again, The King of the Jews.

Pilate fulfilled the custom of releasing to the crowd during the feast one of the prisoners. The chief priests stirred up the crowd to release Barabbas. Barabbas was an insurrectionist who had committed murder in a rebellion. They wanted Barabbas the murderer back. They would receive him back into their society and crucify the one who had done more good on their behalf than anyone else they had ever known!.

So envy can lead to murder!

Pilate, knowing that they had turned him over for envy, repeated his question but he stated it slightly differently. “What shall I do then, with the one you call the King of the Jews?”

Their decided response was. “Crucify him.” They received back a murderer and rejected the Savior.

Have you had any struggles with envy? I have. When another preacher appears and he seems to preach better than I do I am tempted to envy him! But is not that horrific? We need a many preachers of righteousness and the gospel as we can find! Why envy when all of our ministries, styles and emphases are different. Can’t God use all of us? Of course he can! Why envy? Paul exhorts us in Galatians 5:26, “Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” NIV

I was listening to an interview with Howard Dayton and he shared about his struggle with envy. He was in the construction business and had another friend in the same business. However, the friend was putting up buildings that were 10 times as big as the ones he built. He struggled with envy against the friend. But later he finally realized that he did not have the capacity to do the same thing his friend was doing. (Family Life Radio interview with Howard Dayton, cofounder of Crown Financial Ministries, by Steve Moore of Crown Financial Ministries, March 12, 2004)

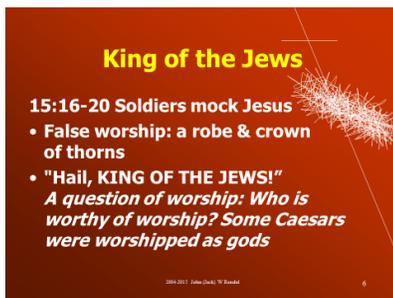
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What will you do with him?

Each of us must decide what we will do with the King. Will we receive him or reject him? That crowd demanded his crucifixion and they got what they asked for. We might protest that in their place we would have never done the same, but can we be sure of that? No, not really. In any case he was crucified, and just as he took the place of a murderer on that day, so he takes our place today, if we would have him.

We must decided. Will we have God's judgment fall on us or on him? If it falls on us we die. If it falls on him we live, in fact we live forever!

III. Hail king of the Jews! 15:16-20



Mocking worship!

The next story tells us in 15:16-20 what the Roman soldiers did to Jesus. They mocked him by dressing him in a purple robe and crowning him with thorns. Then as they hit him on the head and spit on him they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They bowed the knee to him and paid him homage, but this was a false worship. They mocked him on the one hand and worshiped him on the other.

In Spirit and in truth

If we know who Jesus is, if we have identified him, and if we have received him, let us worship him in spirit and in truth. You see to call him Lord and yet disobey him is mockery. Worship, true worship, follows our receiving Jesus as King. Receiving Jesus into our lives comes from knowing Jesus, truly knowing and accepting that he is King.

Every Knee Shall Bow

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians chapter 2 that one day every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

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Title and charge

The last story is of Jesus' crucifixion. Someone else carried his cross. He refused the drink they prepared. They cast lots for his garments and finally at the top of his cross they put that phrase "The King of the Jews."

But that title was not just a title, it was the charge against him. Supposedly Jesus was being crucified for that reason. You see if you claim to be the king of a people who already have kings and rulers over them you commit treason and rebellion.

The Jewish leaders would not obey him. Would the Romans obey him? Of course not. They ruled the world. No little upstart of a guy was going to tell them what to do.

Who will rule over me?

We must also decide. Do we obey Jesus or not? If he really is king then we owe him our allegiance and our whole hearted obedience.

Knowing Jesus as king should lead to receiving him as king. Receiving him as king should lead to our worship of him as king. Worship of him as king should lead to obedience of him as king.

Any evidence of obedience?

If we were accused of obeying Jesus could anyone find any evidence in our lives that we obey him? Do we speak with him on a regular basis? Do we listen to and read his word? Do we ask his help to practice what he teaches us? Are we looking for ways to please him? Do we really care about him? Do we seek his counsel and advice?

How can we obey Jesus? By carrying out his word. A few weeks later he commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The privilege of telling others

What a privilege it is to tell others of Jesus.

One day in the town where we live in the USA I met a man from the Asian subcontinent in his store. He sells health foods. He told me he was from an area of Pakistan called the Sind. The Sind is in the southeast of the country.

I told him I had a Sindi friend in London, England and he asked what his name was. I said he was called "Israel". The Sindi man then said, "Oh, but that's not a Sindi name; it sounds Jewish or Christian." I said, "Yes, he is a Christian." The Sindi answered, "Oh, then he's one in a million!" Fortunately I was able to get him a tape in his own language. It presented the gospel.

I wonder if you have you heard of some islands that are a vacation destination. They are 2000 islands, southwest of India, 200 of which are inhabited islands, with a population of 250,000 people. During the 1980's four hundred New Testaments were distributed by the LOGOS ship and later gathered by the religious teachers and destroyed. Personally I don't think the people on

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the ship were offended by this but I am sure they were sad to hear about it. Our hearts are simply moved to want to see the people know the Lord Jesus and his great salvation!

Who will go to places like these islands? Who will pray for places like this?
Jesus, the King of Kings, is concerned for them!



Review

If he is King, we need to acknowledge him, receive him, worship him and obey him!

But more than anything let's remember what Jesus has done for us!

1. Though he was King he made himself of no reputation. Pilate had to ask who he was.
2. He was willing to take the place of a murderer on the cross, and he took our place under God's just judgment.
3. He was willing to be beaten and mocked in an act of false worship.
4. Finally, he was willing to die, apparently, for rebellion and treason against the highest human authority of his day. That was the charge placed at the top of the cross. But that was a trumped up charge. He really died for us. We had all rebelled against God. We had committed treason against the King of the universe.

Surely Jesus, and Jesus alone, is worthy to know, to accept, to worship and to obey, as my King, as our King!

Questions to aid in the study of this section of Mark 15:1-28

1. What phrase is repeated in each of the four stories in this section, Mark 15:1-28?
2. To whom do the Jews hand over Jesus and do you know why? Mark 15:1-5
3. What evil attitude did Pilate discern in the religious leaders? Mark 15:6-15
4. What evil attitudes do you struggle with? Is this one of them? Explain.
5. What moral weakness did Pilate demonstrate in his dealings with the crowd? Mark 15:15
6. What did the soldiers do to Jesus that was a contradiction? Mark 15:16-20
7. Do we also sometimes contradict ourselves by our actions towards Jesus and towards others? Explain.
8. Why was the charge, "The King of the Jews", such a dangerous charge at that time in history, and merit being put on a cross in the opinion of the Romans? What was its implication? Taken to its logical conclusion what did it imply for the Jews, the Romans and for us today? Mark 15:21-28
9. How are you learning to know, receive, worship and obey Jesus?