

JUNE 9, 2024

# SUFFERING & SALVATION

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 15:16-32



## PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort. 17 They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; 18 and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him. 20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they \*led Him out to crucify Him. 21 They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross. 22 Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. 24 And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. 25 It was the third hour when they crucified Him. 26 The inscription of the charge against Him read, "THE KING OF THE JEWS." 27 They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. 28 [And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."] 29 Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. 32 Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.



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## GROW IN THE WORD

- Why do you think Mark included these details of abuse leading up to Jesus' crucifixion? What did he want to prepare his readers for? Consider that his audience was mostly Roman readers. See also 1 Peter 2:21-23; Hebrews 12:2-3.
  
- In what ways can you draw strength from Jesus' endurance of humiliation and suffering in your own times of trial?

**02. The soldiers forced Simon of Cyrene to carry Jesus' cross on the way to Golgotha, the place where he was crucified. They offered Jesus wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused to take it, and the soldiers divided His clothes by casting lots. Along with the chief priests, those who passed by hurled insults at Jesus and mocked him, challenging him to save himself (v. 21-32).**

- How does Simon's act of carrying the cross shed light on Jesus' call to all of his followers? In other words, what can you learn about Jesus' call to his disciples to "carry their own cross" from Simon's example? See also Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24.

# GROW IN THE WORD

- In what ways does this passage deepen your understanding of what Christ endured on your behalf? Consider also the predetermined nature of his suffering as described in Isaiah 53:12; Psalm 22:16-18.

- What can you do to more boldly and compassionately live out your faith in light of Christ's suffering for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JEAN DRIVE

Foyer | June 9 - 16

We need your help so we can bless men who are underprivileged or struggling financially right here in San Antonio. Bring new or gently used men's jeans to the Foyer this week and all donations will be given to Christian Assistance Ministries. Learn more online.

### WOMEN'S EQUIP NIGHTS

June 25 | 7 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, join us for "Equip Nights: Cultural Conversations" to listen to a panel of Wayside men & women discuss how to prepare and respond to cultural concerns and to build bridges that promote peacemaking in different views. Learn more and register online or in app.