

STUDY EIGHT

MARK 15:1-16:8

Before you read the Mark passage, read Psalm 22:1-19. Consider how the events of Jesus' final hours fulfil the Psalm.

Keep alert as you read the Mark passage- perhaps a very well-known section of Scripture.

Q1 Mark is sometimes understated in his account. However, what suffering do we see Jesus submit Himself to?

Q2 More importantly, we see Jesus drinking 'The Cup' He had so earnestly prayed about in the Garden of Gethsemane. (see study 7)

Jesus seems so powerless, however what is He accomplishing for you, for mankind? 1 Peter 2:22-23; 1 John 2:2; Romans 3:23-25a.*

Q3 How often do you ponder and praise Jesus as your Christ and Saviour, for what He given and accomplished for you? Be challenged.

Q4 15: 29-32 What is ironic about the jeers and taunts of the passers-by and the Chief Priests and teachers of the Law?

Q5 What would have happened if Jesus as the All-Powerful Son of God, Messiah had overcome His oppressors in Chapter 15 or taken Himself off the Cross? Where would that leave Him and also us?

Q6 The Centurion supervising at Golgotha, would have witnessed many crucifixions and the deaths of the victims. How would you describe the Centurion's declaration in 15:39?

Q7 What is significant about the women, named by Mark, being present in 15:40-41; 47 and 16:1-8?

IF ENOUGH TIME

Q8 If an unbeliever had read Mark's Gospel, what central teaching would be essential for them to understand?

Q9 If you are already a disciple of Jesus, how have you been challenged by studying the Good News by Mark?

PRAYER IN GROUPS

*You may want to study in your own time the ideas of a Sacrifice of Atonement and Redemption brought up by these passages in 1John2:2 and Romans 3: 23-25a