

## Mark 15:1-20

**LW** – Weakness/Flesh - Slept/Gethsemane; Betrayal/Judas; Forsook by All, Denied/Peter

**TW** – 1<sup>st</sup> ½ Chapter 15 – Between Gethsemane & the Cross we find our Savior fulfilling the greatest demonstration of love... John 15:13<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

### **V1**

\* Jesus facing Sanhedrin/Accusers all night, left Him in 14:65; Sanhedrin now reconvenes

\* Pontius Pilate – Roman Governor/Procurator over Province of Judea; For Political Charge

\* Sanhedrin/Ruling Council over Jews/Religious issues, Not authorized Capital Punishment (Jn 18:31)

\* So that he would be crucified; even if guilty/blasphemy/Jews/Penalty = stoning (Lev 24:16)

**V2** - Same kind of response Jesus gave to Caiaphas in 14:61-62

**V3-5** – This was the same response as in his trial by Sanhedrin in the night 14:57-60 Why? 1) Scriptures would be fulfilled - **Isaiah 53:7**<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **Daniel 9:26**<sup>26</sup> “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;...

2) He would fulfill them - He be/fulfillment/Passover Lamb – w/out blemish/Innocent/Sinless

**John 18:37** ...For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

### **V6-14**

1. Barabbas – guilty of rebellion (similar Jesus' charge) & murder – both deserving of death
2. Chief Priest are the ones who stirred up the crowd to ask for his release
3. Pilate knew they had handed Jesus over because of envy

1. Religion is no discerner of Righteousness. Some of most religious are most unrighteous.

2. Sin of Envy - desire to possess something that another possesses

\* This sin was so strong – It blinded them from seeing the Messiah!

**Genesis 37:11** <sup>11</sup>And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

**Proverbs 14:30** <sup>30</sup>A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

**James 3:16** <sup>16</sup>For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

**Gal 5:21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

3. Jesus! Antidote to Envy? Love! See in Jesus!

**1 Cor 13:4** <sup>4</sup>Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy...

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness...

**John 13:1** <sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

## V15

\* Pilate not innocent - He may be Roman Governor/still a man with a choice - Man vs. God

\* He had him scourged (so painful as to extrude a confession from innocent man) (Heb 4:15)

\* He delivered him/be crucified; Jesus' knowledge/prophesy/being lifted up, didn't predestine

\* So prophesy begins to be fulfilled at a rapid pace – Scourged

**Isaiah 50:6** <sup>6</sup>I gave My back to those who struck Me

**Isaiah 53:5** <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

**V16** – Praetorium – Herod/Palace or Fortress/Antonia (where Roman troops were quartered)

## V17-18

1) Clothed him with purple – The Royal Color

2) Crown of Thorns – **Genesis 3:17-18** ...“Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, (And you shall eat the herb of the field.)

## **V19**

**Isaiah 50:6** ...I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

**Isaiah 52:14...** So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

**V20** - He allowed them to mock...allowed them to lead him out –

**John 10:17-18** "...I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again..."

## **Conclusion**

**Mark 15:12** <sup>12</sup>Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

1. "You can be for him, or you can be against him, but one thing you can't be is neutral." Chuck

\* For/Against; Believe/Unbelief; Receive/Reject; You - Not Parents, Spouse, Friend, Pastor

2. **1 Peter 4:1-2** - Since Christ suffered, for us in the flesh...No longer live/lusts; for Him

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