

## MARK 15:1-15

### Discussion Guide

When you consider the passion of the Christ, the suffering and death of Jesus, what do you see? What do you think?”

Who, in the account of Mark, can be “blamed” for Jesus' death, if anyone? Think of the entire account of all the events leading up to his execution.

If Jesus had been primarily interested in avoiding execution, what defense might He have offered before Pilate? Why did He remain silent?

What were Pilate’s concerns regarding Jesus’ trial?

We read that Pilate knew Jesus was innocent but convicted Him and released Barabbas because he wanted to “satisfy the crowd” (Mark 15:15). Can you think of a time when you were influenced by a crowd of people to make a decision?

What role did the Sanhedrin’s instigation of the crowds play? Have you ever been in a situation where a group did something the individuals in it later regretted? How did this get started? How could it be avoided?

“Substitutionary atonement” sounds complicated. How would you explain it to a children’s Sunday school class? What would you call it?

Jesus was (1) psychologically ridiculed, (2) physically beaten, (3) spiritually abandoned by God, and (4) mortally executed. How do these torments compare?

As a sinner for whom Christ suffered and died, what is your complicity in each of His torments?

What is the value in contemplating the appalling enormity of Jesus’ suffering? Did the movie The Passion of the Christ (2004) go too far in its depiction of His physical suffering? Explain.

What does your church currently do to commemorate the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Christ? How should it be commemorated?”

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