

# Small Group Study Guide

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## ICE BREAK

- When have you ever been ridiculed or mocked? How did you react?
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## STUDY

This week we focus on the significance of the events surrounding Jesus' death. .

How did this week's message help you to understand His death better?

1. **Mark 15:22-27 Killing a King** a. What are some of the prophecies from OT fulfilled in Jesus' crucifixion? Why is that important? b.What is the significance of Barabas' name and being set free instead of Jesus? c. In what way was Jesus an insurrectionist and not one?
2. **Mark 15:29-32 Punishing a King** a.How is it possible that Jesus, God, cannot save himself? b.When hurt, we want to hurt back-what has Jesus done to change that tendency in you? c.Have you been hurt by the church and left or been tempted to leave? How do you heal being hurt by other Christians?
3. **Mark 15:33-34 A Son Forsaken?** a.Was it by accident that this occurred during Passover? b.What is the significance of this timing? c.Did God literally or figuratively abandon His Son? d. See II Cor.5.21, Gal. 3:13, I Peter 2:24. e.How did Jesus experience Hell that day? f.What is the Final Judgement from God? g.Have you strayed from God-how did it feel Hellish?
4. **Mark 15:38. Death of the Curtain** a.Discuss the importance of the curtain in the Temple: b. Considering its size and construction: What kind of power did it take to tear it?
5. **Mark 15:39 First Confession** a. What is the significance of a Roman Centurion being the first to confess Jesus the Son of God? b.Who was he betraying with that confession?
  - a. How has the significance of the Cross changed over time?

- b. In what way(s) have you carried your cross recently?
  - c. Is there any experience you or anyone has suffered that Jesus could not understand or did not experience himself?
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## REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss: Jesus was born to die for us. What is the purpose of your birth?
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## PRAY

- Pray for each other's needs and for discovering more about Jesus' death and our new lives in Christ.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the message of the cross to transform others through you.