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## Broken for our repair

The priests pushed for it. The governor allowed it. The soldiers made a game out of it. And so it was – the one who came to rescue was brought to a place to fulfill his purpose. He himself could not be rescued from this. The will of the Father was to *use this* very thing to save humanity from sin and ourselves. In these final moments, those around him still did not know how to accept him. Days before, he had been received as a conquering King. And now he suffers alone on a cross. The witnesses who were there offered no comfort – but one declaration from a Roman soldier sums up the *theme* of Mark's account: *truly, Jesus is the Son of God.*

- How is Jesus ridiculed? Who are the different types of people who mock him? vs.16-32
- Was Jesus the “King of the Jews”? What made this charge so painfully sarcastic? vs.18, 26
- Mark is less frequent in his usage of Old Testament references. In verse 28, he refers to the importance of prophecy fulfillment. Why is it important that Jesus's execution meets the requirement of prophecy?
- What do the accusations and insults thrown at Jesus reveal about the people's hearts and faith? vs.29-32
- Other gospel writers describe Jesus's words from the cross. Mark gives us *one* statement from Jesus. What makes this statement so significant? v.34 (See also Lk 23:34, 43, 46; John 19:26-30; Mt 27:46)
  - Many commentators attribute Jesus's words from the cross as a direct quote from Psalm 22. In reading that psalm, why might this song be on his heart and mind?
- What is the significance of the temple curtain being torn apart? What would this change to temple worship mean for God's people? v.38
- **Apply it.** Name one or two ways that Jesus has identified with you in your suffering.
- After witnessing all of these events, one man professed faith in Jesus. How do you resonate with the centurion's declaration? v.39

<sup>16</sup> The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort. <sup>17</sup> They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; <sup>18</sup> and they began to acclaim Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to bear His cross.

<sup>22</sup> Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. <sup>23</sup> They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. <sup>25</sup> It was the third hour when they crucified Him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against Him read, “THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

<sup>27</sup> They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. <sup>28</sup> [And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with transgressors.”] <sup>29</sup> 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, <sup>30</sup> save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” <sup>35</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, “Behold, He is calling for Elijah.” <sup>36</sup> Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. <sup>38</sup> And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

*“The full force of the storm of God's fierce anger at sin was coming down. On his own Son. Instead of his people. It was the only way God could destroy sin, and not destroy his children whose hearts were filled with sin” - Sally Lloyd-Jones. “Jesus Storybook Bible”*