

## **Recap of 6/23/24 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 15:16-32)**

1. *In Mark 15 we see all the vehemence of sin against the holiness, purity, and glory of God, not to mention the love of God. See what he endured for us! Our biggest issue (sin and death) is taken care of. No matter what we are going through, He went through more.*
2. *“From the moment He came forth from the Father to the stable of Bethlehem, the cross was ever before our blessed Lord. It was in order that He might be the propitiation [satisfaction] for our sins (1 John 2:2) that He became Man.” (Ironsides)*
3. *“In chapter 15 Mark “describes the slaying of ‘the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ It is a part of the Gospel history which should always be read with peculiar reverence. We should call to mind, that Christ was cut off, not for Himself, but for us. (Daniel 9:26). We should remember that His death is the life of our souls, and that unless His blood had been shed, we must have perished miserably in our sins.” (Ryle)*
4. *How should we respond to what Jesus did for us in the crucifixion?*
  - We should be encouraged (Hebrews 12:2,3) that in our suffering, in our sickness, in our pain, He experienced it first. He knows what we’re going through.*
  - We should be motivated to holy, dedicated, separated living. “Let us leave the passage with a deep sense of the enormous debt all believers owe to Christ. All that they have and are and hope for may be traced up to the doing and dying of the Son of God. Through His condemnation they have acquittal, through His suffering peace, through His shame glory, through His death life. Their sins were imputed to Him. His righteousness was imputed to them. No wonder Paul says, ‘Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift’ (author unknown). Meditating on the cross should move us to live daily for Him (1 Corinthians 6;19,20; Romans 12:1,2)*
5. *LeRoy Eims calls us to ask ourselves: “Is your Christian life all that you want it to be? Are you as close to God as you would like to be in your walk of daily discipleship?” And in another place: “The person who is convinced that Jesus Christ is the only hope for the world will live unreservedly for Him.”*