

*Greek Readings*  
**Series B, Sunday of the Passion**  
**Mark 15.1-47**

- **Verses 1-5**
  - What are the theological and political implications of Pilate's question, "Are you the King of the Jews?" \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How is Jesus' response to Pilate similar or dissimilar to the Synoptics and John? (Mt. 27:11; Lk. 23:3; Jn 18:34) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Parse κατηγορουν. \_\_\_\_\_. To what may πολλά refer? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why does Jesus not respond to Pilate's questions in vv.4-5? \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verses 6-15**
  - Describe the "feast" mentioned here and how it relates to the death of Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Parse πεποιήκεισαν. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the meaning of στάσις. (BDAG, 940, 2) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Is there any significance to the term ὁ ὄχλος used by Mark in v. 8, 11, 15? (BDAG, p. 745, 1a) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pilate recognizes the chief priests actions were motivated by φθόνος. (cf. BDAG, p. 1054) What is the significance of this in light of v.15? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Parse ἀνέσεισαν. \_\_\_\_\_. Is the fact that the chief priests stirred up the crowds of any significance, if so why? \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verse 16-20**
  - Why do the soldiers clothe Jesus in purple? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Parse περιτιθέασιν. \_\_\_\_\_. How might Gen. 3:18 relate to v.19 and might there be a broader implication? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Is there any significance that the gentile soldiers say, "Χαῖρε, βασιλεῦ τῶν Ἰουδαίων"? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the relationship between Isa 50:6; 52:14; 53:5 and v.19? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Προσκυνέω appears at 5:6 and 15:19. What is the relationship between these two passages? \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verse 21-26**
  - May there be a relation between, v.21 and Rom. 16:13? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Where is Golgatha located and why may this be significant? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What might be the reason that Jesus does not drink the wine? (cf. Mt 27:34) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Note the simplicity of καὶ σταυροῦσιν αὐτόν. Why might this be the case? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Explain the relationship between v.24b and Ps. 22:18 (LXX Ps. 21:19) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - For what reason did Pilate have the inscription written above Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why did he write positively that Jesus was "King of the Jews"? (cf. Mt. 27:37; Lk. 23:38; Jn. 19:19) \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verses 27-32**
  - What is the meaning of ληστής? (cf. BDAG, p. 594, 1) \_\_\_\_\_. Is there any significance to Jesus being crucified with these two? (cf. Lk. 19:10; Mt. 11:19) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Explain the fulfillment of Isa 53:12 in v.28. \_\_\_\_\_.

- Parse ἐβλασφήμουν. \_\_\_\_\_. Who are the οἱ παραπορευόμενοι? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the meaning of Οὐὰ and how does it affect vv.29-30? \_\_\_\_\_.  
How do these scoffers misunderstand John 2:19? (cf. Mk. 14:58) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse ἐμπαίζοντες. \_\_\_\_\_. What is so interesting about the chief priests' statement Ἄλλους ἔσωσεν, ἑαυτὸν οὐ δύναται σῶσαι? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse καταβάτω. \_\_\_\_\_. What do the Pharisees confess about Jesus in regard to his person and work? \_\_\_\_\_. What do the hearers of Mark's Gospel learn from the statement ἴδωμεν καὶ πιστεύσωμεν? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse ὠνειδίζον. \_\_\_\_\_. What might the reviling of those crucified with Jesus reveal about the crucifixion event? \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Verse 33-41**
  - Why is the mention of ὥρας ἑκτης important? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the theological significance of "darkness"? (cf. Amos 8:9; Isa 5:30; 60:2; Joel 2:30) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the link between the darkness and the words of Jesus in v.34? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How does Ps. 22 help us understand the crucifixion of Jesus and his words on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why do some bystanders say that Jesus is calling Elijah? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How does Ps. 22:5 related to v.36? (cf. John 19:28) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the significance of the phrase ἀφείς φωνὴν μεγάλην? (cf. Mt. 27:50; Lk. 23:46; Isa. 53:12; John 10:11, 15) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why might the word choice of ἐκπνέω for "to die" be theologically significant? (cf. John 19:20; Mt. 27:50) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Parse ἐσχίσθη. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the agent of this word? \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. What is the theological significance of the temple curtain being torn? (cf. Heb. 6:19; 9:3; 10:20; Exod. 26:31-33; 36:35; 2 Chr. 4:14) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How might the events prior to death have informed the centurion in v.39? (cf. Matt. 27:43; John 19:7ff.; Matt. 27:51, 52, 54) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the most likely religious state of the centurion, and why may this be important? (Is he a Jew?) \_\_\_\_\_. Why is the confession of the centurion so important? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why is the testimony about the women in vv.40-41 so significant for the gospel writers as well as the future of the church? \_\_\_\_\_.

### Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.