

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 *κατηγόρουν*. _____ 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 *ó 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 αὐτὸν*. 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 Οὐά 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 Ἀλλοις ἔσωσεν, ἐαυτὸν 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 ὠνείδιζον. _____ . What might the reviling of those crucified with Jesus reveal about the crucifixion event? _____ .
- **Verse 33-41**
 - Why is the mention of ὥρας ἔκτης 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 relate to v.36? (cf. John 19:28) _____ .
 - What is the significance of the phrase ἀφεὶς 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.