



It Was Me

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 15

Do you ever watch or read the news and think, "How could someone do something like that?" When people lie, cheat, steal and commit crimes, I often wonder how they got to that point in their lives. Because we are sinful, we sometimes find ourselves feeling morally superior to others.

In Mark 15, people are shouting for Jesus to be crucified even after Pilate has told them Jesus is innocent. I can vividly remember being in high school and wondering what was wrong with these people. Why would anyone want to release a murderer and crucify Jesus? Every time I read or heard this story I was outraged by the people and guards mocking Jesus.

By God's grace, as I grew in my relationship with Him, one day it hit me - It was me. Before Christ, I was the person yelling "crucify Him!" I was the person mocking Jesus. Every day when I was sinning, I was spitting in God's face thinking I knew better than Him. Thanks be to God that Jesus died for sinners who were adamantly against Him. Jesus, fully God and fully man, went to the cross, was forsaken by the Father, and took our punishment for us even though He was innocent. Our hearts should be broken for those who are still slaves to sin and who do not know God. We must view ourselves as sinners only seen as righteous by God through Christ. As Christians, we need to remember we are better than no one, and without Christ, we could be on the news. We are sinners saved by grace.

PRAYER: God, thank you for sending Your Son to die in my place even when I was against You. Help me view others as lost sheep without a shepherd. Remind me I need You daily.

TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 16

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