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The Day of Jesus' Death

Four Periods of Three Hours:

Mark 15:1 ~~very~~ early in the morning+. **trial/scourging**

Mark 15:25 ~~third~~ hour+. **crucifixion begins**

Mark 15:33 ~~sixth~~ to the ninth hour+. **darkness**

Mark 15:42 ~~evening~~+. **burial**

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Jesus: Messiah and King

Mark 15:1 Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately **held a consultation**; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

Mark's Intention:

1. Jesus crucified by Jews for His Messianic claims
2. Jesus crucified by Romans for claims of Kingship

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Jesus Is Silent

Mark 15:2-5 Pilate questioned Him, **Are You the King of the Jews?** And He answered him, **It is as you say.** 3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly. 4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, **Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!** 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

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Pilate's Proposal

Mark 15:6-10 Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. 7 The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 The crowd went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. 9 Pilate answered them, saying, **Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?** 10 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

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The Deep Irony of Letting Barabbas Go

Mark 15:11-15 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Answering again, Pilate said to them, **When what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?** 13 They shouted back, **Crucify Him!** 14 But Pilate said to them, **Why, what evil has He done?** But they shouted all the more, **Crucify Him!** 15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

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The Deep Irony of Letting Barabbas Go

Barabbas = Son of the father+ - released
Jesus = Son of the Father - condemned

Barabbas = guilty of insurrection - released
Jesus = innocent of insurrection - condemned

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Applications

1. We must remember that Jesus was silent on our behalf!
2. Those who belong to Christ should expect persecution as well.
3. All are amazed by Christ, but belief is required!

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1. Jesus Was Silent For Us!

Mark 15:4-5 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!" 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

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2. Christians Should Expect Persecution

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, **A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you;** if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Acts 14:22 δ strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, **Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.**

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3. All Are Amazed, But Faith Is Required

Mark 15:5 But Jesus made no further answer; so **Pilate was amazed.**

Mark 1:21-22 They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 **They were amazed at His teaching;** for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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3. All Are Amazed, But Faith Is Required

Mark 2:12 And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that **they were all amazed** and were glorifying God, saying, **We have never seen anything like this.**

Mark 5:20 And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and **everyone was amazed.**

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3. All Are Amazed, But Faith Is Required

Mark 6:51 NIV Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed,

Mark 10:24-26 The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. + 26 They were even more astonished and said to Him,

When who can be saved?+

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