

## **Mark 15:22-32 – Jesus Endured a Painful and Shameful Crucifixion!**

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Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: Jesus truly loved you and he showed it. He **obeyed his Father throughout his life for you**, he was **betrayed for you**, **abandoned for you**, **denied for you**, **falsely accused for you**, **condemned by the religious leaders for you**, **tried and innocently condemned by civil leaders for you**, and he **endured mental and physical tortures before his crucifixion for you**. But all these things were still not enough to satisfy his Father's anger against your sins – so bad your sins were! Jesus needed to be punished more. He had to endure a painful and shameful crucifixion. You will hear about this today.

Our headings are:

**Pain and Shame by actions**

**Pain and Shame by words**

Our goals are: **That you will reflect on the pain and shame the Lord endured for you throughout his life, but especially on the cross, that you will then thank him for it, and that you would be willing to suffer for his kingdom if he so calls you.**

### **Pain and shame by actions**

22 And they brought Him to the place **Golgotha**, which is translated “**skull**.”

#### **1. The Roman soldiers brought Jesus to a hill outside of Jerusalem named Golgotha, which means “Skull.”**

There is another word (cranion, cray-nee-on) that means “skull.” That word is translated Calvary. “Golgotha “Skull” and Calvary “Crainon” or “skull” refer to the same thing. Jesus was crucified on Calvary. Jesus was crucified on Golgotha.

Apparently, **the place was shaped like a skull**. There likely **were many skulls of people who had been executed there**.

**Hebrews 13:12** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, **suffered outside the gate**.

As prophesied in the Old Testament, Jesus had to die outside of the city. God always fulfills his word.

23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.

#### **2. The Roman soldiers gave Jesus wine mingled with myrrh to drink to ease his coming pain, but the Lord refused it.**

Sour wine was mixed with myrrh, a numbing agent, but the Lord refused because **he wanted to endure the full suffering** that you should have received.

**Proverbs 31:6** **Give strong drink to him who is perishing**, And wine to those who are bitter of heart.

24 And when they **crucified Him**, they **divided His garments**, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

### **3. The Roman soldiers then crucified the Lord Jesus.**

Can you imagine what it was like driving those crude spikes into his hands and feet? Imagine his suffering when the **nails hit the nerves**, when **small bones were broken**, and when the **tendons were destroyed**!

### **4. The Roman soldiers then divided his garments and cast lots to see who would take each article of clothing.**

How would you respond to those who were gambling for your clothing when you were dying? **Most people would have respected the wishes of a dying man...**and at least would have **given his clothes to his relatives**! But not these beasts! Likely this was the cloak through which power had flowed to heal the woman with the bleeding problem! But these men would get no such blessing! They had no faith...

25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

### **5. The Roman soldiers crucified Jesus about 9:00AM, on the very same day, right after his trial by the Jewish and Roman leaders.** Look at the hate. Look at the urgency!

**The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead** so they could resume control over the people and get the people's money.

**Pilate wanted to keep the peace** so he ignored justice, especially considering he knew Jesus was innocent.

**Even pagan Rome soon changed the law so a condemned man had 10 days to wait before his execution.**

26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

### **6. The Roman soldiers then put a correct inscription over Jesus' head: The King of the Jews.**

Pilate had insisted, even under protest from the Jews, to have Jesus crucified as King of the Jews. (The crime was written over the criminal's head in China.) The Jews wanted the sign to say: **He said** "I am king of the Jews." God used Pilate to humiliate the Jews...showing the power of Rome over them. Pilate wrote the sign in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin for everyone to read.

27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

### **7. The Roman soldiers crucified Jesus between two robbers – violent thieves.**

This was a most significant insult to the Lord, to be crucified between two robbers. This position **probably showed he was the worst**! The Lord **always gave**...food, time, healing, instruction, miracles... He was no robber. **But it was prophesied**!

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore **I will divide Him a portion with the great**, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And **He was numbered with the transgressors**, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

This identified the Messiah...the one who would die between the wicked to save the wicked!

**Can you imagine the added shame Jesus felt, being stripped naked and crucified in front of his mother, aunt, and his closest friend, John?**

## **8. Lessons:**

**a. The hatred of Jesus caused the Jews to sit on the Rome's lap and work to kill the Lord Jesus.** Soon after this they continued that wicked relationship and killed Jesus' children. This is what you see throughout Acts!

**b. It wasn't the crude nails that kept Jesus on the cross; it was love.**

**c. Jesus had to go to the cross.** Mankind needed a new Adam and he was the perfect new Adam.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might **become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Now all believers are confirmed in righteousness and can never be lost again.

**d. Jesus lost his clothing so you can have the covering of righteousness.** Wasn't this pictured for you in the new clothes the prodigal son (Luke 15) was given when he returned...or the new clothes God gave to Joshua in Zechariah (Zechariah 3)?

**e. You now have access to God through the cross.** This access is never busy. Use it to ask for things you need to do his work!

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through **the veil, that is, His flesh,**

## **Pain and shame by Words**

29 And **those who passed** by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! **You who destroy the temple and build it in three days**, 30 "save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

### **1. Those who passed by blasphemed the Lord Jesus, wagging their heads, and casting remarks at him**

They spoke evil of God! They attacked his nature...his holiness...accusing him of sin.

Psalm 22:7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

**They repeated the lie**, accusing Jesus of saying he would destroy the temple! He never said that!

**What presumptuousness!** These wicked people **insulted him**, saying **he could not come down** from the cross.

**What presumptuousness!** They thought **they had to be satisfied** and that Jesus had to meet **their demands**. But the atoning sacrifice of Jesus was done to please his Father!

**What presumptuousness!** They wanted Jesus to disobey his Father who sent him to die - not to escape death!

Daniel 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, **but not for Himself**; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..."

**What presumptuousness!** They wanted men, women, boys, and girls to remain in their sins!

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.**

**What presumptuousness!** They wanted Jesus to break his word to his disciples!

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, **and be killed**, and be raised the third day.

31 Likewise the **chief priests** also, mocking among themselves with **the scribes**, said, "He saved others; **Himself He cannot save**. 32 "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, **descend now** from the cross, that we may see and believe." **Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.**

## **2. The Jewish religious leaders (chief priest, scholars, elders) then mocked Jesus.**

**These wicked chief priests** should have known better as they **were senior priests.**

**These scholars, who were historians,** should have known better. They had all the books and records! **These elders had no excuses as well.**

But they all insulted Jesus, **thinking he could not come down** from the cross.

**Their taunting made Jesus' suffering worse!** When you have power to shut someone's

mouth but you know you shouldn't, that is hard.

**Even if Jesus did come down from the cross**, they would have said the soldiers didn't nail him properly!

**But was there any chance they would have believed if Jesus came down from the cross?**

No. They had **seen many of Jesus' miracles and did not believe**. They had enough proof Jesus was Christ.

These people added: "**He trusted in God; let Him (God) deliver Him now if He will have Him...**" And they shook their heads at him! Of course God could have taken Jesus off the cross...just like he rescued the 3 Hebrew boys from the fire, but Jesus had to die so others could live...

So little they knew of the Scriptures! **If Christ had saved himself, he could not have saved them!**

So little they knew of the Scriptures! **God sometimes ordains difficult times for people-like Job!**

### **3. Even the thieves on the cross mocked the Lord Jesus and added to his pain and shame.**

But one of those thieves later came to his senses and pleaded for help. It seems that **he saw the goodness** of the Lord to those who were ill-treating him and the Lord spoke to his heart. He also saw **how well the Lord suffered!** The repentant thief then **chided the mocking thief**, warning him about his insults. Two heard the same Gospel; only one believed it.

### **4. Lessons:**

**a. Consider the mental hurt the Lord silently endured because he loved you and came to die for you.**

**b. Consider the danger in which the world is today as they mock the Lord Jesus.** (The Lord noticed Cain when he thought he could conceal his sin! The Lord heard Miriam's mutterings against Moses.) So pray and work for those who are mocking the God of glory. **Remember the cross showed the seriousness of man's sins.** The Lord could not simply experience some punishment...but the worst punishment!

**c. Don't take it personally when people insult you, your Lord, or what you believe.**

The Lord will deal with all those who mock him and his people – but at his time. The Lord sometimes ordains suffering even for the godly.

**d. Miracles don't make people believe. Miracles confirm the faith of those who already believe.**

**e. Do not shame your Lord by your life and testimony.** You have no excuse if you do. You know what he did for you. You know it in fullness!

## **Conclusion:**

Jesus suffered and died a painful and shameful death on the cross. The Romans saw to that. They saw to that by their painful and shameful actions and by their painful and shameful words. As horrible as the physical pain was, the words hurt more.

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

**1. Like the people of Jesus' day, there are many people who don't want Jesus on the cross, dying for sinners.** They would prefer Jesus to be a generic modern ruler who advocates for love and social justice. And even what they call love (allow abortions, stop the death penalty, steal from the rich and give to the poor) is not love at all. The people may even mock or hate you for saying the cross was essential. But while the world advocates for social justice and moral examples instead of the cross...

**2. The Lord Jesus had to suffer in body and in spirit for you in that painful and shameful way.**

**3. Let this guide you in how you respond to him...how you worship...how you promote his cause in your home...how you support the work of expanding the church...**

Finally, the painful death Jesus suffered was sufficient for the sins of the whole world. **Do you want that forgiveness or do you want to die for your own sins?** The choice is yours. If you want Jesus' death to be counted for your sins, just ask God. He will do it!