

**Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Suffering Servant"
Mark 15:16-21
Study-64**

"The Suffering Servant", Isaiah 53:11 – "As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied;"

**This passage shows the infinite love of God towards sinners!
1 Peter 3:18**

Jesus Suffered and Died Not Because He was Guilty of Any Offense, but because He was The Sinless Son of God, Our Substitute. He was given our punishment for our sin!

Gal. 3:13

**This passage is recorded in part in all 4 Gospels: Matt. 27:27-32;
Mark 15:16–21; Luke 23:26-32; John 19:1-17**

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Christ, The Suffering Servant, Willingly Bore Our Reproach, That We Might Become The Righteousness Of God In Him."

- 1. Verses 16-18 – The Mocking Of Jesus**
- 2. Verse 19 – Cruelty And Insults Of Jesus**
- 3. Verses 20-21 – Bearing The Cross Of Jesus**

1. Verses 16-18 – The Mocking Of Jesus:

Mark 15:16

Mark 15:15

Pilate would not make a decision for Jesus:

- (1) Tried to get Jesus to defend Himself.
- (2) He sent Him to Herod.
- (3) Offered to set Him free.
- (4) Scourge Him.

"and after having Jesus scourged," – (John 19:1–7)
John 19:1-16

Mark 15:16 – "palace (that is, the Praetorium)," – Latin origin; Signifies the "governor's official residence."

"whole Roman cohort." – "a squad"; possibly 600 soldiers.

Mark 15:17

Matt 27:28 – "a scarlet robe on Him;" Speaks of "redemption".

Mark used the word purple. There is no contradiction; "reddish-purple" would be a good description of an old faded garment.

"purple" – This is the "color of royalty"

"and after weaving a crown" – This was a mock, gold leaf wreath; laurel wreath replicated in gold that Caesar would wear.

"thorns" – Thorns were the result of the fall, sign of the curse. Genesis 3:17-18

Mark 15:18

Matthew 27:29

"a reed in His right hand;" – kind of a mock scepter in His hand which kings held.

What has Jesus done to them? John 3:19

(The hatred for the Jews is poured out on Jesus)

Some are aggressive and cruel in their rejection of Jesus Christ.

Some reject Jesus passively and decently.

Heb. 2:3

2. Verse 19 – Cruelty And Insults Of Jesus:

Mark 15:19

"And they kept beating His head with a reed," – "kept repeatedly beating Him on the head with a stick." Where did they learn this abuse? Jewish Sanhedrin, Religious already did it! Mark 14:65

John 19:3

Isaiah 52:14

Isaiah 53: 3-4

"spitting at Him," – "kept on spitting at Him"; Considered universal as an insult, an ultimate insult to spit in someone's face. Mark 10: 34

Isaiah 50: 6

Actions Reveal The Darkened Mind Of Man.

Actions Reveal The Depraved Heart Of Man.

The Dependable Word Of God: Psalm 22:6-7; Isaiah 53; Mark 10: 34

The Determined Son Of God: John 17:4

2 Corinthians 8: 9

3. Verses 20-21 – Bearing The Cross Of Jesus:

Mark 15: 20

Now Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd and releases Him to crucifixion:
John 19:14-16

"And they led Him out to crucify Him." – The road to Calvary is called "Via Dolorosa" The Way of Sorrow. (They would take the longest route possible)

Pictures – Via Dolorosa

The condemned man would carry his own cross. John 19: 17

John 19: 19

Mark 15: 21

"And" – This simple word is used 40X in these (47 verses). We should note that in (Genesis 22) Sacrifice of Isaac, the word "And" 22X in these (24 verses). This is no accident that we are observing.

1 Peter 2: 21-25

"pressed into service" – "press into public service, compel to go."

Deuteronomy 21: 23

Why Did They Press This Man Into Service?

Mark 15:22 – “brought”, has the meaning of “to carry, to bear.”

“a passer-by” – This man happened to be at the right place and the right time. Luke 23:26

“Simon of Cyrene” – North Africa, a city of Cyrene in what is today called Libya.

Life Has Its Crosses That We Must Bear Unexpectedly!

(the father of Alexander and Rufus), Acts 13:1

Rufus His son, Rom. 16:13 – “Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.”

“to bear His cross.” – Mark 8:34

Hebrews 13:12-13

Application:

1. Followers Of Jesus Should Not Be Surprised That They Should Be Called To Suffer: 1 Peter 4:12.

Philippians 1:29

2. Life Has Its Crosses That We Must Bear Unexpectedly: Mark 8:34.
3. The Ill-Treatment Of Jesus Reveals The Darkened Mind, And Depraved Heart Of Man; At The Same Time, The Faithful Dependable Word Of God: Mark 10:34.

