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**Lesson 7 – The Awful Penalty**

**Mark 15 :21-47**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your walk and relationship with Jesus?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 15:21-24**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. Possible verses to pray are Psalm 119:169,171. Lord, please hear my cry for understanding of Your Word and teach me Your statutes that my lips might pour forth Your praise.*

3. a. Who was compelled to carry Jesus’ cross, and what do we know about him?

b. Did he willingly carry Jesus’ cross?

4. ***Personal Question:*** When has God interrupted your plans and asked you to carry a heavy burden that you did not anticipate or want? How did you respond?

5. The soldiers took Jesus to Golgatha. List the events recorded in Mark 15:23-24.

6. Luke records Jesus’ spoken reaction to these events in Luke 23:34. What did Jesus say?

7. ***Thought Question:*** The soldiers knew *physically* what they were doing, but do you think they understood *spiritually* what they were doing? What about the other individuals—such as the priests, scribes, etc.—who were involved in crucifying Jesus?

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8. Jesus put no conditions here on the soldiers—either physically or spiritually—for His forgiveness. He simply asked His Father to forgive them and left judgment up to God. How freely do you forgive others who are obviously sinning against you? Are you willing to trust God with them?

***Apply this day:*** *If there is someone you need to forgive today, ask the Lord to enable you to forgive freely and entrust them to Him. Thank the Lord Jesus that He is the perfect example of forgiving, loving people unconditionally, and trusting God. What freedom!*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 15:25-32**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

9. What is the written charge—the stated reason He is being crucified—against Jesus?

10. Two criminals are being crucified on either side of Jesus (Mark 15:27). Read Luke 23:39-43 to learn further details about these thieves. Explain how their reactions towards Jesus differed dramatically.

11. What were the insults of those who were passing by in Mark 15:29-30?

12. The chief priests and teachers of the law “mocked Him to one another.” What were they saying to each other in verses 31-32 ?

13. ***Thought Question:***  Are words spoken privately between you and another person heard by God? What do insults and gossip hurled privately or publicly reveal about a person ?

14. **Personal Question:** God alone judges peoples’ hearts, and He is serious enough about our sins that He sent His Son to die for them. Jesus came to forgive us from *all* our sins. What does He tell us to do with the sinful behavior we recognize in ourselves according to—

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I John 1:8-10-

Acts 3:19-

***Apply this day:*** *Today, thank the Lord for loving you enough that He will not leave you unaware of your sins. Pray the words of Psalm 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 15:33-39**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

15. What happened at the sixth and ninth hours of Jesus’ crucifixion (give verses)?

16. Who did some of the people think Jesus was calling (give verse)?

17. ***Thought Question:*** Why do you think someone ran and offered Jesus a sponge drink of sour wine (or vinegar)?

18. According to Mark 15:37, Jesus drew His last breath and gave a loud cry. What were Jesus’ last words uttered on the cross as recorded in John 19:30?

19. ***Thought* Question**: What do you think Jesus was referring to when He said “It is finished?”

20. a. What dramatic events occurred the moment Jesus breathed His last breath? (See Matthew 27:51-54 as well as Mark 15:38)

b. After witnessing these events and the way Jesus died, how did the centurion respond?

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21. ***Personal Question :*** What is your response to these events? What is your *personal* testimony as to the significance of these events in *your* life?

***Apply this day:*** *Might we never get over the wonder of what Jesus did for us on the cross—He paid the full, horrific penalty for all our sin. With whom can you share this astounding, destiny-altering news? Tell someone today how Jesus has changed your life.*

**Day 5 – Reread Mark 15:40-47**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

22. a. According to verses 40-41, what individuals were watching Jesus from a distance ?

b. What had they done when Jesus was alive?

23. Women surrounded Jesus throughout His ministry and were now at the cross. We know from John 19:25 that Mary, Jesus’ mother, was there as well. According to John 19:25-27, how did Jesus lovingly take care of His mother even at this most painful moment in history?

24. ***Personal Question:***  Jesus was constantly looking out for the needs of others by forgiving, loving, and providing for them. Who in your life do you need to forgive, shower with love, or provide for in some way even if you are hurting or dealing with difficult circumstances ?

25. Who do we meet in verses 42-43, what did you learn about him, and what was he waiting for?

24. a. What did Joseph courageously go to Pilate and ask?

b. What was Pilate’s response?

c. What did Joseph then do (verse 46)?

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25.  ***Thought Question:***  Like Joseph, we too need to be actively seeking the kingdom of God and to be courageous in our service. How do the following verses help you with understanding how to do this in your daily life. Give practical examples of how you could apply each.

Matthew 6:33-

2 Timothy 1:7-

***Apply this day:*** *Lamentations 3:22-23 promises “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Determine by God’s grace, that you will put Him first every day this week. Do not look at anything (including your phone or computer!) until you have first gone to God in prayer—even if only for a few moments—and asked for His new mercies for that new day. Fill up on His mercies so that you can then boldly pour out His love and mercy to all you meet today.*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 15:43  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from this verse. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*