

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Sunday, April 13-14, 2019**

**SERIES TITLE: THE JOURNEY TO GOLGOTHA**

**SERMON TITLE: A Journey of Salvation and Deliverance**

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 15:1-5, 16-39**

### **Mark 15:1-5**

[1] Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

[2] “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

[3] The chief priests accused him of many things.

[4] So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

[5] But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

### **Mark 15: 16-39**

[16] The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers.

[17] They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

[18] And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!”

[19] Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.

[20] And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

[21] A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

[22] They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”).

[23] Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

[24] And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

[25] It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.

[26] The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

[27] They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.

[29] Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days,

[30] come down from the cross and save yourself!”

[31] In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself!

[32] Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

[33] At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

[34] And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

[35] When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

[36] Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

[37] With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

[38] The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

[39] And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

### **2 Corinthians 5:21**

[21] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Hebrews 4:16**

[16] Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### **Hebrews 2:14-17**

[14] Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil -

[15] and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

[16] For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

[17] For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

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*2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**1. He who knew no sin . . .**

- In the eyes of Rome, Jesus was not a criminal.

**2. Became sin for us . . .**

- Scourged = a long, involved, merciless beating.
- No remedy for crucifixion
- “My God, My God”

**3. That we might become the righteousness of God.**

- A loud cry – “It is finished!”
- The curtain of the Temple.

**Hebrews 4:16** *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

- Jesus came to deliver us from death.
- Jesus came to atone for sin. (*Hebrews 2:14-17*)

# Lagniappe

Last week I wrote about the opportunity we have to participate with 45,000 other Southern Baptist Churches to send missionaries, plant churches, and help in times of disaster across North America. The *North American Mission Board* helps in all those areas.

We have the opportunity to help make a difference by giving through our annual Easter Offering for North American missions. You can give by using one of the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Envelopes* – or by designating on a regular Offering Envelope. You can also give online or by texting. If for some reason you do not receive your own monthly personalized offering envelopes – and would like to, please call the church office (985-892-2149).

Last year Southern Baptists gave \$60 million for these important mission projects.

The North American Mission Board leads in two areas.

**First, they help churches plant churches through the Send Network.** The North American Mission Board (NAMB) has identified 32 Send cities where the vast amount of "lostness" occurs in our country and focuses on church planting. New Orleans is one of these cities.

**Second, NAMB works with Send Relief.** Think of all the disasters we have experienced over the last few years. From the flooding in Houston to fires in California to the hurricane in Puerto Rico, your dollars help send relief to people who are hurting.

While these are the primary works of NAMB, they are doing much more than the Send Network (planting churches) and Send Relief.

The work of the North American Mission Board is really about Sending Hope, hope through the gospel and hope by showing love to hurting people.

We can all be a part of that, and I hope you will.