



Jesus Mocked

Dec 4

INTRODUCTION: Jesus's Passion (suffering) continues where it will culminate at the cross. Through it all He is making atonement for sin in accordance with God's prophesied plan. Already in the last 12 hours He has endured much, He will endure still more to become the Passover Lamb, the King.

REVIEW: [Mark](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: plan, passion, mockery, atonement, King

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Ps 67, Blessed to be a Blessing)

- What was the sermon about?
- What were the key points?
- Key takeaways...? Questions to keep considering?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Ps 102, A God Sized Vision When Our Circumstances are Anything But)

- What was the sermon about?
- What were the key points?
- Key takeaways...? Questions to keep considering?

READ: Mark 15:16–20

QUESTIONS:

1. *As the Passion increases, we must remember it was all part of the Father's plan (Isa 53:10; Mk 14:36b). Why did the Father will such grotesque pain? Why was a perfect divinely-human sacrifice needed for the salvation of sinners?*
2. *V. 16a- Pilate has been trying Jesus in Herod the Great's Palace (not the Antonia Fortress) (c.f. [map of Jerusalem](#)). Having met the Jews outside so they wouldn't be impure for Passover, the soldiers now take Jesus into this large complex.*

3. *V. 16b- Roman legions (6000) had 10 cohorts (600) and 6 centuria (100). While the whole cohort was gathered, likely only those closest engaged directly with Jesus, the others watching and jeering.*
4. **As occupiers, how do you think the soldiers felt about rebels and those claiming to be 'King of the Jews'?**
5. **With the boredom of garrison life, why do you think they were up for some 'entertainment'?**
6. *Compared to the other Gospels Mark (partly for space) spends little time describing Jesus' trauma. Why?¹*
7. **While remembering Jesus' trauma (the cost of salvation), why must truth/meaning always come first?**
8. **What is mockery? Have you ever mocked/been mocked?**
9. *Mark wants us to have faith and follow Jesus as King. How does this mockery reveal who Jesus truly is?*
10. **How do the soldiers make a mockery of His Kingship? How ought they to have worshipped Him?**

	<i>In Reality</i>	<i>Mockery</i>
Purple Cloak		
Crown of Thorns ²		
Salute		
Reed (Sceptre)		
Spitting (vs. confetti)		
Kneeling		

11. *V. 20a- How does the 'just kidding' add injury to insult? His blood (v. 15) coagulated, what physical pain was there?*
12. *A suffering King, Isa 53:3- What does Jesus suffering teach us about human sinfulness?*
13. *V. 20b- Jesus has been humiliated but not fully, read Phil 2:8.*
14. *Read this [blog](#). How is Jesus' obedience and suffering part of atonement? Why is this needed if a sinner is to become just? (Gen 2:15; Ro 6:23; Gal 2:15).*

NEXT WEEK: Dec 11- Mark 15:42–47, Jesus is Buried

¹ Everyone knew how horrible it was. Cicero, a Roman writer, said, 'Even the mere word, cross, must remain far not only from the lips of the citizens of Rome, but also from their thoughts, their eyes, their ears; (2) Mark's focus is more on the meaning of Jesus' Passion.'

² While painful, this mimicked the wreaths Caesars wore, with the rays of divinity shining from their head.