

**“Unto Us A Son Is Given”
November 23, 2014**

Mark 15:21-47

CORE: Jesus is the Son given to us by the Father. And the Son who willingly gave Himself for all of us!

1. Though He was physically WEAK—He was spiritually, mentally & emotionally STRONG!

NOTE: BIG difference between WEAK and WEARY!

- **During this grueling 6 hour period:**
 - **6:00 a.m. TRIAL**
 - **9:00 a.m. CRUCIFIXION**
 - **12:00 Noon JESUS DIED**
- **Crucifixion was about SHAME**
 - **Taken the longest possible route to the site—PROLONGED MOCKERY from bystanders**
 - **NAKED—the soldiers gambled for His clothes. (“Tested in every way that we are”—including sexual abuse)**
- **Yet, when offered “WINE & MYRRH”—a narcotic to deaden pain—He refused it. He would face this hour FULLY ALERT with a CLEAR, FOCUSED MIND.**

“The Father has an intense love for Me because I freely give My own life—to raise it up again. I surrender My own life, and no one has the power to take My life from Me. I have the authority to lay it down and the power to take it back again. This is the destiny My Father has set before Me.” (John 10:17-18 TPT)

2. He was OPENLY HUMILIATED.

- **PILATE’S SIGN: “KING OF THE JEWS” (in Aramaic, Latin, Greek)**
 - **Others had signs of their crimes, as warnings to others**
 - **Jesus’ sign—ridiculed the Jews, mocked Jesus & warned others**
- **“Crucified WITH robbers”—treated as a criminal**
 - **Isaiah 53:12- “He was numbered with the transgressors”**
 - **Just as He fully identified with us—“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us” (2 Corinthians 5:21)**
- **Mocked by the crowds who “shook their heads”—sign of “contempt; malicious enjoyment.”**
- **Taunted by the chief priests & the scribes who challenged His authority: (In effect) “Let’s see You get out of this one, Jesus!”**

3. Jesus TRIUMPHED (in the ULTIMATE TRIAL)

- **MIRACLES HAPPENED**
 - **DARKNESS FELL (at noon)**
 - Sign of our **REBELLION** (Prov. 4:19- *“Like deep darkness”*)
 - God’s **JUDGMENT** (Ex. 10:22- *“Covered all of Egypt”*)
 - Our **CONDITION**—w/o hope in God (Ps. 18:28)
 - God’s **POWERFUL PRESENCE** (Ex. 20:21- *“Thick darkness where God is”*)
 - **THE VEIL (into the Holy of Holies) was torn in two (in front of the religious leaders during a busy Passover season)**
 - **AN EARTHQUAKE**
 - **DEAD O.T. BELIEVERS RISING FROM THEIR GRAVES**

NOTE: Jesus’ death could not go **unnoticed!**

- **He “FULLY FILLED” every promise!**
 - **“My God...why have You forsaken Me?” (Reference to Psalm 22)**
 - **(Psalm 22:27-28,30-31) “All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow before Him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations...future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn—for He has done it (Lit.- *“It is finished!”*).”**
- **His FINAL CRY OF TRIUMPH!**
 - **Greek- TELIOS- (John 19:30)- *the cry of a conquering warrior!***
 - **Aramaic- KALAH- *“fulfilled; completed” also “My bride!”***

SUMMARY

- **SEE JESUS AS HE IS** (*Roman Centurion- “SURELY, this IS the Son of God!”*)
- **BE UNASHAMEDLY IDENTIFIED WITH HIM** (*John & the women*)
- **GIVE JESUS THE PLACE OF HIGHEST HONOR** (*Joseph & Nicodemus—members of the Sanhedrin—refused to let Jesus stay on the cross for days & be tossed into a mass grave—giving Him a royal burial*)
 - **In spite of all Joseph had seen & heard—he was still “waiting for the Kingdom of God” to be manifest!**
 - **Jesus IS “the HOPE of glory!”**