

Sunday, March 28, 2021 Dr. Landon Dowden

THE CROSS, THE CURTAIN, AND THE CONFESSION Mark 15:1-39

Passage in a Sentence: We should praise Christ for His suffering as our substitute and His success in bringing us to the Father.

I. WE SHOULD PRAISE CHRIST FOR HIS SUBMISSION (15:1-5).

- a. See the injustice Jesus experiences from the corrupt religious leaders in their consultation and their charges.
- b. Observe His silence and know He is fully submitted to the plan of the Father.

II. WE SHOULD PRAISE CHRIST FOR HIS SUBSTITUTION (15:6-15).

- a. Feel the weight of rejection in the cries of the crowd and their calls for Christ to be crucified.
- b. See further injustice in the cowardly actions of Pilate.
- c. See Barabbas, the guilty one, be released and Christ, the innocent One, be condemned and praise Christ for His substitution in our place.

III. WE SHOULD PRAISE CHRIST FOR HIS SUFFERING (15:16-37).

- a. He suffered abuse.
 - i. See the cohort.
 - ii. See the cloak.
 - iii. See the crown.
 - iv. See the cruelty.
 - v. See the cross.
 - vi. Hear the chastisement.
- b. He suffered abandonment.
- c. He suffered the full measure of God's wrath against our sin.

IV. WE SHOULD PRAISE CHRIST FOR HIS SUCCESS (15:38-39).

- a. See the curtain.
 - i. Access to the Father has been granted because our sins have been atoned.
 - ii. May we take full advantage of what Christ has achieved.
- b. Hear the confession.