

## Mark, The Beginning and The End (Week 14)

### Review:

- The final week: entrance, celebration, exit, and tragedy
- Jesus said and did unexpected things.
- The Cross and the Resurrection were the most important three days in human history.
- Everything written, all of history, points to this.

### Jesus' unexpected ending—His trials:

- Before Annas, the Father-in-law of Caiaphas and ex-High Priest (see John 18:13)
- Before Caiaphas, the High priest
- Before Pilate, the Roman prefect/governor
- Before Herod, the Roman king of Judea
- Condemned before Pilate
- During this time, He was hit in the face, spit upon, mocked, made a crown of thorns, whipped, and crucified.
- Betrayed
- Sin separated Jesus from the Father for the first time in eternity.

### What does the cross and the empty tomb tell us?

#### 1. God had a plan from the beginning.

**Isaiah 52:13–15** <sup>13</sup>See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—<sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

**Isaiah 53:1–12** <sup>1</sup>**Who has believed our message** and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. <sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>**After he has suffered, he will see the light of life** and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

- The overall narrative of scripture is that Creation and man were once good.
- Every person has sinned and gone their own way.
- God hates sin and *will punish it*. Sin equals death.
- God loves us and wants to save us.
- He gives us a choice: accept Jesus as the promised Savior, or pay ourselves.
  - Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for those who believe.
  - **The plan: At-one-ment; Redemption for those who believe.**
  - **Jesus paid the legal price for sin for us—if we accept the gospel.**

**Ephesians 1:3–10** <sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace** <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

**Romans 3:23–26** <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**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.

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## 2. The empty tomb reveals ...

- God authenticates Jesus as the Son of God.
- Jesus has been accepted by God as the sacrifice.
- Those who believe in Jesus are promised eternal life.

### God did His part perfectly.

#### **Our Part: The gospel is accepted by faith that leads to salvation.**

- Jesus is my Savior, and He paid for my sin.
- Jesus is my Lord, my King.
- I believe, receive, and follow Him.

*Believe, receive, and follow are interchangeable terms.*

See **John 1:10–13, John 10:24–27, John 14:21, and Romans 1:5**

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### Faith is evidenced by...

- Repentance: a change of heart that leads to a change of action
- Baptism
- Confession: “I belong to Jesus;” acknowledgement of His Lordship with my mouth.
- A life in the service of our Savior and King, both individually and corporately.

See **Acts 2:36–40**

### Question: Have you received the gospel?

#### Questions for your devotional time and conversations with others:

- In the sermon, what was meaningful to you?
- What have you learned about Jesus and yourself in this Mark series?

*As you read/listen to: **Mark 16:1-20**, be thinking about:*

1. Describe what happens at the tomb. What stands out to you?
2. What could be a roadblock for you, or for others, to believe Jesus?
3. How would you share the good news of Jesus? Practice telling what God has done through Jesus. You can even practice on your dog or house plant; just speak it out loud.
4. Who in your life (your world) needs to know about Jesus? How will you share Jesus with them?
5. What has been impactful to you as you read Mark this summer?