# Jesus Seals the New Covenant

*Lesson 2, Mark 15:6-15, 25, 26, 33-39, NIV*

## Various Viewpoints

Distribute copies of the script below to seven learners before class, with one person each for the Narrator, Pilate, Jesus, and the Centurion and three students to read in unison for the Sanhedrin.

**Narrator**: Reads Mark 15:6-10.

**Pilate**: These Jewish leaders tax my patience. Why do they insist on bothering me with their petty religious issues? I'll show them. I'll release this Jesus as a goodwill gesture to the people. They love Jesus; they will not want him to die.

**The Sanhedrin**: The only way to get rid of Jesus is to have Pilate declare him a threat to Rome and to Caesar. We must stir up this crowd against Him, so Pilate has no choice but to condemn Jesus to death.

**Jesus**: These men behave as though they are in control of this situation. They do not realize that they are fulfilling God's plan. I stand here willingly and I will die willingly, not out of submission to Rome but in submission to my Father.

**Narrator**: Reads Mark 15:11-15, 25, 26.

**Pilate**: These people are idiots. Don't they realize they are pawns in the hands of their religious leaders? Yet while I don't really think Jesus is guilty, I will have to listen to them or risk my position. But I will have my revenge. I will place the title of "The king of the Jews" over him for all to see. Let's see how they like that.

**The Sanhedrin**: Finally, we will be free of Jesus. His followers will all scatter at his death, and we can resume life as usual. God shall surely reward us for guarding his law.

**Narrator**: Reads Mark 15:33-39 and Psalm 22:14, 15.

**The Centurion**: I do not know who this man is, but I know what people say about him. He was kind and forgiving; He healed people's diseases, and they say he even brought the dead back to life. I've never seen a man die the way he did. I think he must really be the Son of God.

**Jesus**: Father, I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like melted wax. My strength is gone, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws. You have brought me into the dust of death; into your hands I commit my spirit. Be not far from me.

## My Response

How would you personally respond to the questions below?

1. In what ways is Jesus my king? _____

2. What actions evidence this to others who see me on a daily basis? _____

3. In what ways do I rely on God's power rather than my own? _____

4. What actions evidence this to others who see me on a daily basis? _____

5. In what ways am I willing to share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with others? _____

6. How can I do that this week? _____

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