

Mark Chapter 15 — Jesus Trial and Crucifixion

In Chapter 15 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus is brought before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. Some people accuse Jesus of doing wrong, even though he has done nothing to deserve such punishment. The soldiers make fun of Jesus and put a crown of thorns on his head. They lead him away and nail him to a cross. Two other men are crucified beside him. Even while Jesus is suffering, he gives his life out of love for us. When Jesus dies, the sky grows dark, and the curtain in the Temple tears in two. A Roman soldier sees what happens and says that Jesus truly is the Son of God. Later, a man named Joseph of Arimathea carefully places Jesus' body in a tomb. This chapter reminds us how much Jesus loves us and how he stayed faithful to God, even when he suffered.

Talk about these questions together as a family. Take turns sharing your thoughts, listen to one another, and discover how Jesus' teachings can help your family grow in faith and show God's love in everyday life.

1. Jesus showed his love for us by giving his life. How can we show our love for Jesus in our everyday lives?

2. Jesus suffered even though he had done nothing wrong. How can we stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly?

3. How do you think Jesus' friends felt when they saw him suffering and dying?

4. When you are sad or going through a difficult time, who helps you feel loved and supported?

5. As we remember Jesus' death, how can our family share his love, kindness, and hope with someone who is hurting?