

PREACHING CURRICULUM

He Paid it All
Mark 15:21-47

"Jesus cried out with a loud voice... 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" Mark 15:34

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 15:21-32. Why did Jesus refuse to take the wine mixed with myrrh?

Read Mark 15:33-38. What was the significance of Jesus' words from the cross? Why did Jesus feel forsaken by God in that moment?

Read Mark 15:39-47. What is surprising about the various people mentioned in these verses? What do they have in common?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Which of these statements best describes your attitude about yourself? (If none of these fit your view of yourself, please feel free to supply your own).

- (1) I have a big problem: I am a sinner, guilty before a holy God. I am helpless and can do nothing about it. I am in desperate need of a Saviour.
- (2) I am a good person overall. Sure, I have my issues, and I make my own mistakes... just like everybody else. But deep down I know that I have a good heart. God sees that I am trying my best to be a good person.

Is there anyone who is too sinful to be forgiven by God? If so, do you believe you may be one of those people? Explain your answer.

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Why did Jesus willingly choose to suffer the agony of the cross, being utterly forsaken by God? What big problem Jesus was solving by doing so?

What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for us, and how do we personally benefit from it?

How does the cross affect our lives both now and in the future?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Have you given up on the idea that you are good enough on your own? Have you admitted that you need a Saviour to rescue you?

Have you embraced Jesus Christ as your Saviour who died for you?