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Study Questions
The Good News About Jesus According to Mark
It Is Finished
Mark 15:1-47
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Opening Discussion

1. Talk about what it would be like for someone to be perfect at home, in the marketplace, etc... Would people love this person or hate this person? Explain your answer?
2. People in our culture seem highly tolerant of every possible religious belief except Christianity. Why is that?

What is it about true Christianity that causes such a reaction in people?

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 15:1-15. Why did the crowd choose to crucify Jesus and release Barabbas?

Why would anyone choose to free a convicted murderer and execute a perfect man?
2. Make a list of words that would have described the emotions of Barabbas finding out he was to be released the same day he expected to be executed.
3. Since Barabbas represents each of us, when was the last time that list of words described you as you thought about your salvation?
4. Read Mark 15:16-32. Why do you think Jesus' claim to be King produced such a violent mockery from both the soldiers and the crowd?

What might we learn from this as it relates to why people today react so strongly to the truth of the Gospel?

How hard is it to surrender to the authority of Jesus?

5. Read Mark 15:33-47. From 12:00-3:00 p.m., darkness covered the land. Why?

What was transpiring during those three hours?

What is meant by Jesus' cry in verse 34?

Why would the Father forsake the Son in His hour of need?

6. Read John 19:30. Jesus final cry was, "It is finished!" What did Jesus mean by that statement?

What are the ramifications for the basis of salvation today?

7. What is the significance of the veil being torn in two from top to bottom at the moment of salvation?

Compare Hebrews 10:19-22.

Application

1. As a group list ten things that are true of you today because Jesus died for your sins on the cross.
2. As a group list ten things that *would* be true of you if Jesus *had not* died for your sins on the cross.
3. Identify one truth that impressed you most deeply from your study of Mark 14-15?