

## **TEXT-Mk.15:16-32**

**MAIN IDEA**—The cross of Christ is an eternal source of gratitude for all who trust in the sacrifice of Jesus.

## **Rev.5:11-14**

### **CHRIST IS HUMILIATED (Mk. 15:16-20)—**

Pilate had Jesus scourged with a Roman whip leaving him bloody and nearly dead due to massive blood loss and shock. Nevertheless, Pilate hands the Lord over to his soldiers to mock and beat Him before sending Him to a slow death through crucifixion.

## **Heb.9:22**

**William MacDonald (1917-2007)—*If they had only known! It was God the Son they***

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***clothed with purple. It was their own Creator they crowned with thorns. It was the Sustainer of the universe they mocked as King of the Jews. It was the Lord of life and glory they struck on the head. They spat on the Prince of peace. They mockingly bowed their knees to the King of kings and Lord lords.***

**Phil.2:5-8**

**Is. 53:5-6, 8**

**CHRIST IS CRUCIFIED (Mk. 15:21-26)—**

According to Roman Law, the condemned was to carry the heavy wooden crosspiece on which they were to be nailed to the place of execution. Since Christ was exhausted from a sleepless night, scourging, and beatings the Roman guards forced a man named Simon to carry Jesus' cross to the place of execution.

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### **Jn.6:40**

**V22-25**—Golgatha also called the Mt. Calvary was the place outside the city where criminals were publicly crucified as a warning to all who dared to defy Rome. Yet the Lord's garments were divided and gambled for, and Jesus (God's Lamb) was crucified at 9am on the exact day of the Jewish Passover (**Ps.22:18**).

### **Is.53:10-11**

\*On the cross of Calvary, the Lord Jesus Christ pained the full sin debt for all who would ever trust in Him. This sacrifice satisfied God's justice, removing God's wrath against our sin, freeing us from bondage to sin and for membership in God's family for every person who places faith in His sacrifice.

### **Gal.3:13-14**

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### **>Crucified Between Two Thieves**

**(Mk.15:27-32)**—While the Lord hung on the cross bearing the sins of all who would trust in Him, three groups of people mocked the Savior: those who passed by (**V29**), the religious leaders (**V30**), and the two thieves crucified with Jesus (**V32**).

**Jn.3:16-17**

**Luke 23:39-43; Rom.10:13**

**4 ways to live in light of the cross of Christ**

**1-Live by faith in Jesus (Rom. 10:9).**

**2-Love and forgive others (Eph.4:32-5:2, 25)**

**3-Serve others (Mk.10:43-45)**

**4-Persevere through trials (Heb: 12:1-3).**