

Mark 15:1-47 (NKJV)

Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.² Then Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered and said to him, “It is as you say.”³ And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.⁴ Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!”⁵ But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

⁶ Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.⁷ And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.⁸ Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them.⁹ But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.¹² Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?”¹³ So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!”¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”

¹⁵ So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.¹⁶ Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison.¹⁷ And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head,¹⁸ and began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”¹⁹ Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.²⁰ And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

²¹ Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.²² And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.²³ Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.²⁴ And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

²⁵ Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.²⁶ And the inscription of

**Trial before
Pilate and
Mocking by
Soldiers (1–20)**

**Crucifixion and
Burial (21–47)**

*1. The “third hour”
occurs at 9 A.M.*

His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS.²⁷ With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.²⁸ So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”²⁹ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,³⁰ “save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”³¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.”³² “Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”³⁵ Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

³⁹ So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome,⁴¹ who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴² Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴⁴ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.⁴⁶ Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.⁴⁷ And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

2. See Isaiah 53:12
(and context).

3. The “sixth hour”
occurs at noon, and
the “ninth hour” at
3 P.M.

4. “Evening” here
could be any time
before 6 P.M.

5. What does this
chapter tell us about
Jesus?