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**Title: The Servant King in Victory, Part 5: “Marvelous Mockery” – Mark 15:1-32**

**Big Idea:** Carry the cross in marvelous mockery of human power, wisdom, contempt and judgment.

What in the message stood out to you?

Where do you see mockery in the world today?

Read Mark 15:1-32. Browse through the passage again and notice everything that is said about Jesus. If you remove the tone or attitude behind what is said, do you notice anything said about him that is not true?

1. The marvelous mockery of human power.

Read Mark 15:1-5. Why do you think Pilate was so amazed that Jesus wouldn't answer his questions?

Read Psalm 2:1-12. What does this Psalm show you about all the plots against Jesus? Who is mocking who? What else stands out to you from this Psalm?

What do verses 10-12 of Psalm 2 reveal about the motive behind God's mockery? How does this differ from the motive behind human mockery?

Read John 19:10-11. Who is in charge of what is happening to Jesus? What does this reveal about God's power and human power?

2. The marvelous mockery of human wisdom

Read Mark 15:6-15. Who are the different groups of people in this section? What is something you notice about each of them? How would you describe the wisdom of each of them?

Why do each of the groups ultimately want Barabbas released instead of Jesus?

The name Barabbas means “son of the Father.” How do you see a picture of the Gospel in what happens to Barabbas and Jesus?

3. The marvelous mockery of human contempt.

Read Mark 15:16-20. Why do you think some people find enjoyment in mocking or hurting others?

Read Philippians 2:8-11. How does the scene in Mark 15 parody the scene in Philippians 2?

Read Matthew 5:22-24. Why do you think contempt for another person is such a serious thing to God? What is a practical application of this passage for today?

#### 4. The marvelous mockery of human judgment.

Read Mark 15:21-32. What are some things you observe in this section?

Read Mark 8:34 in light of Simon of Cyrene being compelled to carry Jesus' cross. Do you there is an intentional parallel? Why or why not?

Romans 16:13 reveals that Simon and his whole family eventually became true disciples. What are some of the seemingly random events God used in your life to draw you to Him?

Read Psalm 22 in light Mark 15. What are the parallels that you see? Notice especially Psalm 22:6,7,8,16,18. Psalm 22 was written hundreds of years earlier. What does this reveal about God's sovereignty and plan? What effect should this have on the way we react the things we experience in our lives?

Read Mark 15:31. Why does the crowd think Jesus cannot save himself? Why is it actually true that Jesus cannot save himself?

Read Mark 15:32. Do think more people would have believed if Jesus came down from the cross? Why or why not?

Why did Jesus have to die? How should we respond?

Oneness & Witness Takeaway: ***Carry the cross in marvelous mockery!***

- ***Will you reject the power of the world and embrace God's power?*** Will you stop trying to save yourself and depend on Jesus?
- ***Will you reject the wisdom of the world and embrace God's wisdom?*** Will you live in obedience to God's will rather than follow your own way?
- ***Will you reject the contempt of the world and embrace God's love?*** Will you love your neighbor as yourself and do good for others, even those you disagree with and even those who hurt you?
- ***Will you reject the judgement of the world and embrace God's judgment?*** Will you let God's word define right and wrong – even when the world ridicules you or persecutes you for it.

Close in prayer for each other.