

An Innocent Substitution

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Mark 15:1-15

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Remember Where We've Been

- Jesus' prophesied these events Mk 10:32-34
- Remember, Jesus is NOT caught off guard by these events!
- Jesus was obedient, Disciples=betrayal^{14:45}, fled in terror^{14:50}
- Jesus is not the real One on trial, but His accusers!
- Jews & Jerusalem will suffer earthly covenant curses, while Jesus will take the real covenant curses for the elect

Mark's Brevity Shows Us What is Important

- Mark doesn't tell all details, just the fact trial was corrupt
- Caiaphas: Jesus guilty of blasphemy^{14:64} - claimed Messiah
- Sanhedrin wants to convict under Roman law, not Jewish
- If Jesus claims to be Messiah = King of the Jew's = treason
- Relationship between Rome & Jews was tenuous at best...

A Picture of Pilate

- prefect of Judea, married daughter of Emperor Augustus
- was a tyrant: mingled blood^{Lk13:1}; stole from temple treasury

A Scheming Sanhedrin

- Strange politics between Rome & religious leaders
- Sanhedrin wanted rid of Jesus - He spoke & truth asked ?s
- Pilate doesn't seem to believe charges^{2,4}
- Jesus answers He is the Messiah 'King of the Jews'²
- Jesus is then silent, Pilate is amazed⁵ Why:
 - 1) that Scriptures might be fulfilled
 - 2) no point in answering trumped up charges
 - 3) this is the Silence of Surrender - foreordained plan
- Jesus wrestled with hard providence^{14:36}; now prayer strong
- Jesus knew His mission^{Mk8:31-32}

The Substitution of the Messiah

- Pilate found no guilt - offers to release Jesus⁹
- Sanhedrin wants Pilate to do dirty work, call for Barabbas¹¹
- Pilate wants to release Jesus, asks what to do with Jesus¹²
- Origen: Barabbas full name was Jesus Barabbas
- Which will you have: the innocent one - Jesus of Nazareth OR the guilty one - Jesus Barabbas?
- This is a picture of substitutionary atonement^{1Pt3:18}
- Jesus took the covenant curses so WE might get the covenant blessings: Num 6:24-26

Lessons to Be Learned

- The Great Exchange 2 Cor 5:21
- Who will you choose: Jesus of Nazareth sent by God or...?
- Never ever forget, if you have chosen Jesus by faith then Jesus' record is yours! Rom 8:33-34
- You won't fear Jesus' return^{Mk14:62} but look forward to it!

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