

**Date** : 2nd November 2025  
**Theme** : Servanthood in Mark's Gospel  
**Topic** : The Pain Jesus endured for our Redemption.  
**Key passage** : Mark 15  
**Key verse** : *Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. Mark 15:25 nkjv*

## Introduction

In this chapter, God revealed the extent of pain Jesus had to endure in order to redeem us from eternal death and to deliver us from the power, penalty and the pollution of sin. In so doing, He destroyed the work of the devil.

Today, we consider the cost of our redemption

- Jesus' death of the Cross.
- Jesus' pain which He had to endure for our sakes.
- The redemptive power of His sacrifice.

### 1. Why is Jesus' death on the Cross painful but powerful?

- Agonising death  
Jesus suffered the pain of hell to deliver us from the eternal agony of hell.
- Bloody death  
He shed His blood for our forgiveness; the power of His blood cleanses us from all sin.
- Cursed death  
He was cursed to take away our curse ...*Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree... Deuteronomy 21:23, Galatians 3:13.*
- Disgraceful death  
He suffered shame as He hung naked on the cross in public ...*For My clothing they cast lots... Mark 15:24, Psalm 22:18*  
(When Adam and Eve sinned, they were ashamed of their nakedness; God covered them with the skin of an animal He had slain.)
- Substitutionary death  
Jesus took the consequences of sin (of shame) upon Himself to cover our shame. The pictograph decipher for the Chinese word 'righteous' is the cover over me — a lamb on the altar of sacrifice. 義

### 2. What were Jesus' 5 bodily wounds for our healing?

- Lacerations  
He was scourged. By His stripes we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*
- Punctured wounds  
A crown of thorns forced on His head. To deliver us from curses.
- Open wounds  
A sword pierced His side, water came out, sign of a broken heart, to deliver our brokenness.

- Internal wounds, bruises  
His visage was marred more than any man. *Isaiah 52:14*  
His bruises were for our iniquities; His rejection delivered our marred self-image.
- Perforated wounds  
Large iron nails driven through His hands and feet *Psalm 22:16* delivered us from evil deeds.

### 3. What were Jesus' wounds of the soul?

- The mockery of His identity as the King, combined with intense physical torture, was calculated by the Roman soldiers to inflict pain and humiliation.  
(At the Praetorium, the Roman Governor's HQ. After Pontius Pilate handed Jesus to be scourged and to be crucified.)
- A mock coronation
  - Crown of thorns — Woven from thorn branches, soldiers pressed sharp thorns into His scalp; thorns representing the curse of sin.
  - Purple robe — They dressed Jesus in purple, a color associated with royalty, to ridicule His claim as King.
  - Reed scepter — They put a reed on His right hand, to act as a mock scepter. Then they knocked His head, mocking His authority.
  - Feigned homage — Instead of acclaiming in reverence *O King, live forever*, they bowed the knee to express fake worship and hailed Him in jest *Hail, King of the Jews*.
  - Physical abuse — Severe and brutal. They repeatedly struck Him on the head, driving the thorns deeper into His scalp. Then they spat on Him to humiliate Him (instead of allegiance which should be shown by kissing of the ring.)

### 4. Why was Jesus' Crucifixion the most important event in history?

- a) The Time set for the sacrifice (=Jesus' crucifixion).
  - The year — He died on the 69<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's prophecy after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem.
  - The month and day — the time of the Passover (what we call Good Friday).
  - The hour — He died at the 9<sup>th</sup> hour Jewish time (3 pm Roman time).
- b) The Place: Golgotha, hill of the skull.  
This is the same hill called Mt Moriah; where God provided a substitute for Abraham's son, Isaac, 2000 years earlier.
- c) The Garments: When Adam and Eve sinned, their nakedness was the consequence. God had to kill an animal to make garments of skin to cover their shame. Now the Redeemer suffered shame for us when the soldiers cast lots and took away His garments. He was taking our shame upon Himself.

- d) The Superscription — A sign was placed on the cross to specify the crime of the criminal. Jesus' sign was simply *The King of the Jews*. This was not a crime. He had no crime for He was crucified for our crimes against God.
- e) The Crucifixion between two thieves *Isaiah 53:12*  
 The two thieves represented all of mankind. The mandarin word 众 means all mankind. A sinner called Barabbas was released. The Lord, who is the Son of the Father, substituted for Barabbas (name means son of a father) who faced the death penalty. Jesus died as our Substitute.
- f) The Cry of anguish. He endured the pain of separation as He cried in anguish ...*My God, My God, why have You forsaken me... Mark 15:34*.  
 This was Jesus enduring being separated from the Father. It was the agony of abandonment, the cry of the damned, the suffering of Hell. He endured it all for our sakes. *Isaiah 53:4* says He was *smitten* by the Father as He made payment for our sin.  
 God did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not with Him freely give us all things. *Romans 8:32*

## 5. For whose sake did Jesus endure the Cross?

- To spare us the penalty of sin  
 All of us have sinned.  
 The wages of sin is death, separation from God's presence forever.  
 Unforgiven sinners have only one destination — hell, also called the lake of fire.  
*Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15*
- He endured the Cross because of the joy set before Him. *Hebrews 12:2*  
 His joy is to see all of us, the redeemed ones, sharing eternity with Him.
- He endured the Cross as this was the only way to set us free from the power of sin.  
 Through His death, He carried our sins in His body, cancelled our debt and imputed His righteousness on us.
- He endured the Cross because this was the only way to destroy the work of the Devil.  
 The only One, who was without sin, qualified to be our Sin Bearer.
- He endured the Cross to reconcile us to God.  
 God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.  
 God dramatically tore the curtain in the temple. We now have access to God
- He endured the hostility of sinners against Himself, to model victory for us.  
 By His example we can also overcome weariness and discouragement. *Hebrews 12:3*

**Application**

- Reflect on the extent of His costly and painful sacrifice for yourself.  
What is your personal take on this?

I feel.....

I am.....

I wish to.....

- Which is applicable to you?  
Jesus endured it all for our sakes to redeem us from

eternal death

all diseases

curses

- Can you explain what His sufferings entailed?

From mockery: \_\_\_\_\_  
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From crucifixion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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