

Truly the Son of God
Mark 15:16-39

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What do you think and feel when you see a cross worn as jewelry, or displayed in or on a church building?
- Read *Mark 15:16-39*. What stands out to you among the details Mark includes and omits in recounting Jesus' crucifixion?
- How does the soldiers' brutality attempt to break Jesus psychologically and emotionally as well as physically? What additional spiritual burden does Jesus carry?
- What ironies are found in the mocking of Jesus by the soldiers, the passers-by, and the religious leaders?
- Why do you think Jesus cries out with the opening words of Psalm 22? What is Jesus doing and experiencing?
- What is the symbolism behind the tearing of the curtain in the Temple?
- What causes the Roman centurion leading the crucifixion to respond to Jesus as he does? What is significant about the title he uses and that he is the one using it?
- What difference has Jesus' death on the cross made in your own life?
- What do you hear the Lord saying to you through this text? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *What do you think of when you see a cross? Read Mark 15:16-39. Ask: What parts of this story make you sad or feel uncomfortable? If Jesus could have stopped the people from hurting him, why then does Jesus let this happen? What do we learn about Jesus from this story?*

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.