

# *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Sunday School Lesson

3.29.2026

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Jesus Bears Gods Wrath

## **Mark 15: 16 - 39**

Christ took upon himself the sinfulness of the world so that he might pay the penalty of mankind's transgressions against the Father, bridging the gap between God and man, and offering humanity a new beginning, which allows for a restored relationship with Him. It was Gods action of divine love, that Christ voluntarily, and willingly provided redemption through salvation, which is our eternal hope of grace. Christ pain and his suffering represent a divine atonement, offering justification through redemption, transforming us through sanctification for spiritual growth. By his suffering, Christ shared our pain, giving unto us purpose, by granting comfort in hardship. Therefore, believers are encouraged to share in his sufferings by viewing personal hardships as opportunities, so that we might become more Christlike, living a life dedicated unto God, and letting go of our worldly desires and sinful ways.

**1 Peter 4: 13,....**but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ sufferings, that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy....

Sharing in Christ sufferings assures us as believers that we are united in him. Now, suffering for righteousness' sake is temporary for it promises divine happiness and joy that gives glory to God. So, rather than becoming discouraged by our hardships, we understand that the trials that we face for our faith, are not in vain, but they are a continuation of a deepening relationship with him. Therefore, we joy, not as a denial of our pain and suffering, but as an understanding of his divine purpose.

**Mark 15: 16 – 21,....**the soldiers led him away into the hall....they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head....and began....hail, king of the Jews....they smote him....and....spit upon him....when they had mocked him....they took off the purple....and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him....they compelled one Simon A Cyrenian....to bear his cross....

Even though Christ represented the ultimate Passover lamb, which was signified by the Old Testament law where the sacrificial animal was led outside of the camp to bear the sins of the people. Christ was not a victim of circumstance, but rather a willing participant in Gods divine plan to offer salvation to all of mankind. Nevertheless, it came at a price, not only did he bear the punishment of sin that was meant for all of humanity, but he had to withstand the rejection of those who preferred a thief over the creator of all things. This created a division between those who accepted Gods divine love and those who rebelled against it. Although the initial understanding may have been thought of by many as a tragedy, it was in fact a victory where Gods love was a perfected hope of an eternal relationship with him. For this to happen, a daily commitment to deny our own selfish desires and follow Christ must take place even when it requires sacrifice, suffering, and hardship on our part. The true cross of Christ is an active choice of obedience to accept the teachings of the promises and commandments of God's word.

**Mark 15: 22 – 28,....**they bring him unto....Golgotha....they give him to drink wine mingled with myrrh, but he received it not....when they crucified him, they parted his garments....the superscription....written over, The King of the Jews....with him they crucify two thieves....the scripture was fulfilled....he was numbered with the transgressors....

Christ, as the perfect sacrifice was not an accident, but a precise event in God's plan. It was a demonstration of his extreme measure to reconcile humanity with himself, showing unto us his great love, his grace, and his mercy. This voluntary submission to the cross, as he endured great pain and suffering, is a reminder to us that even in the darkest of circumstances he is continually working for our salvation. Christ, who was sinless, volunteered to take our place ( for all are sinners ) along side sinners, which signifies our atonement, for he bore the guilt of all humanity to reconcile us to the Father.

**Isaiah 53: 12,....**therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he hath poured out his soul unto death....he was numbered with the transgressors, and he bare the sin of many, and made intercessions for the transgressors....

Christ willingly gave up the entirety of his being to death, so that he might satisfy the Father's requirements of redemption. God guaranteed his servant Christ the reward of victory, by sharing the spoils, which is the redeemed souls, with one another in the body of Christ, those now made strong and great by his righteousness.

**Mark 15: 29 – 35,....**they that passed by railed on him....saying....thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days....save thyself and come down from the cross....likewise....the chief priest mocking said....he saved others, himself he cannot save....let Christ....descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe....they that were crucified with him reviled him....the sixth hour....came, there was darkness....until the ninth hour....at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice....saying, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me....

Because of Christ's accomplishments, we as believers, will never be forsaken by God, we will never have to suffer an eternal death. Therefore, I am forgiven because he was forsaken, he took the experience of our abandonment, so that we would never need to encounter being separated from God. Christ was treated like we deserve to be treated, so that we can be treated like he deserved. Christ was temporarily abandoned, so that we would not be eternally abandoned. Christ voluntarily endured separation from God, securing our permanent place in his presence.

**Mark 15: 36 – 39,....**Jesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost....the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom....the centurion....said....truly this man was the Son of God....

Christ bearing Gods wrath is how we recognize his true divine and spiritual nature, for he was the sacrificial embodiment of God in human form. For this reason, we see his spiritual authority and his role as our savior. Christ suffering revealed God, and through his meekness, he showed the truth of his divine identity. Even so, there were those who refused to believe, but because of the wrath that he bore, many will come to the faith, that truly he is the Son of God.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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