**My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

Mark 15:16-47

Key Verse 15:34 “And three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).”

1. How and why did the Roman soldiers mock Jesus? (16-20) How did their mockery and torture of Jesus fulfill prophecy? (See Isaiah 53:4) What was the meaning of this to Peter and to us? (1Peter 2:23-24)

2. Why did they force Simon from Cyrene to carry the cross? (21) Even though he was being crucified, why did Jesus refuse the pain-dulling wine mixed with myrrh? (23)

3. What was the charge written on the cross? (26) What was their purpose in crucifying him between two rebels? (27) How did their taunting, “He saved others, but he can’t save himself,” reveal the truth about Jesus’ mission? (27-32; Matthew 16:25)

4. Why was Jesus forsaken by God on the cross? (34; Isaiah 53:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3;25) What did the curtain torn from top to bottom mean? (38; Hebrews 10:19-22) What did the centurion's testimony mean? (39)

5. How did the women show their devotion to Jesus? (40-41) How did Joseph of Arimathea show his devotion in burying Jesus? (42-47)