

## Truly This Man was the Son of God

### Introduction

- Jesus was born into the world to live a righteous life & die a righteous death as the Lamb of God for sinners.
- He was slandered, rejected, falsely accused, arrested, unjustly tried & sentenced to death, mocked, beaten & crucified.
- Responses after arrest: Sanhedrin – mocked & beat (14:53-65); Peter – denied (14:66-72); Pilate – condemnation, scourging & crucifixion (15:1-27); crowd – mocked & reviled (15:28-32).

### I. The Son of God Dying (v. 33-36)

#### A. The darkness (v. 33)

*Stories & myths about celestial activities surrounding the death of popular or important people were common – thunder, lightning, stars, etc. However Mark describes darkness at midday [12-3 pm] as a sign of judgment from God against those who have rejected Christ (Amos 8:9). They had rejected the Light of the world & chosen the darkness of sin!*

#### B. The cry (v. 34)

*Jesus had been rejected & scorned by Rome, Israel & the crowds - 1Co. 1:23; even abandoned by His own followers. And now He must suffer for sin without the communion of the Father (2Co. 5:21) – 3 hours of indescribable agony, misery & pain. Jesus suffered more than any person has suffered physically & spiritually (Is. 53:3-5).*

#### C. The response (v. 35-36)

*The people respond with mockery & patronizing pity – let's prolong his life to see if God will work a miracle & save him. Jesus does not need people's pity (Lk. 23:28) & He certainly does not deserve mockery as He is dying for sinners.*

**APPL:** Jesus said that people loved the darkness rather than the light (Jn. 3:19). The love of sin keeps people from seeing the truth about Jesus; the love of money, power, pleasure, influence, houses, cars, clothes, electronics, career, immorality, wickedness, evil, etc.

### II. The Son of God's Death (v. 37-39)

#### A. The cry (v. 37)

*This last loud cry means that Jesus did not just wither away into death, but He willingly & voluntarily gave up His life (Jn. 10:11, 17-18). He was not defeated by or overcome by death. He was alert & praying to the Father until the very end (Lk. 23:46). Then He returned back to glory in victory over Satan, sin, death & all His enemies.*

#### B. The response (v. 38-39)

*The first response is approval & a miracle from God (v. 38). All believers have direct access to God because of Christ's death (Heb. 10:19-20; 4:16). The second response is also a miracle (v. 39) – a confession of faith from an unlikely sinner (Jn. 3:3). The HS convinced & convicted the centurion by the way Jesus died. Nothing could prevent this man from seeing the truth about Jesus – the rejection, scorn, beating, mocking, reviling, crucifixion, etc. God still opened the eyes of his heart to see that this was the Son of God...*

**APPL:** Jesus said, "Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me" and "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one" (Jn. 6:45; 18:9). The death of Christ & the powerful work of the HS are effective in saving any sinner, anywhere, anytime & under any circumstances.

## CONCLUSION

Therefore my beloved brothers & sisters in Christ **first of all you** should be thankful that one day the HS opened the eyes of your heart to see that Jesus was truly the Son of God and the only Savior of your soul. You should be thankful that God gave you the faith to believe in Christ & be saved forevermore; be thankful that heaven is your home & the joy of the Lord is in your heart to carry you through life every day. **Secondly** your heart should be encouraged in hope today that just as God reached this centurion, he can reach anyone who you may be praying for or ministering to. There's hope for any & everyone.

**Lastly**, if you are not a Christian, there is hope for you today. The eyes of your heart can be opened & you can see clearly that Jesus is the Son of God & the only Savior of your soul. He died to pay the penalty for your sins... But you must believe the gospel for yourself; you must believe that it applies to you...

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