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Mark 15v1- 5

Pilate Questions Jesus

Early the next morning the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses met together with the whole Jewish council. They tied up Jesus and led him off to Pilate.

He asked Jesus,

"Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Those are your words," Jesus answered. The chief priests brought many charges against Jesus. Then Pilate questioned him again, "Don't you have anything to say? Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?" But Jesus did not answer, and Pilate was amazed.

Being accused of doing wrong when you haven't

Use a stick to point to the people that are mentioned as you hear the story. Pass the stick to different people in the group to point to the different people on the poster in the story.



Poster 2

Poster 2 The Death Sentence

Mark 15:6-15

During Passover, **Pilate** always freed one **prisoner** chosen by the **people**. And at that time there was a **prisoner** named Barabbas. He and some others had been arrested for murder during a riot. The **people** now came and asked **Pilate** to set a **prisoner** free, just as he usually did.

Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to free the king of the Jews?"

Pilate knew that the chief **priests** had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous.

But the chief **priests** told the **people** to ask **Pilate** to free the **prisoner** Barabbas.

Then **Pilate** asked the **people**, "What do you want me to do with this man you say is the king of the Jews?"

They yelled, "Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate asked, "But what crime has he done?"

"Nail him to a cross!" they yelled even louder.

Pilate wanted to please the **people**. So he set the **prisoner** Barabbas free.

Everyone gangs up on you

Demonstrate actions for each of the four 'characters' highlighted in the text, practicing with the group, then read the text as every one listens for the four characters and joins in the actions each time they are mentioned.

- *Pilate – hands on head like a crown – fingers pointing upwards*
- *Prisoner -arms crossed at the wrist, hands made into fists held in front of face*
- *Priests – hands clasped in front of them as if in prayer*
- *People – arms waving over head*



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Soldiers Make Fun of Jesus

Mark 15:16-21

Then Pilate ordered his soldiers
to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.
The soldiers led Jesus inside the courtyard of the fortress
and called together the rest of the troops.
They put a purple robe on him,
and on his head they placed a crown
that they had made out of thorn branches.
They made fun of Jesus and shouted,
"Hey, you king of the Jews!"
Then they beat him on the head with a stick.
They spit on him and knelt down
and pretended to worship him.
When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus,
they took off the purple robe.
They put his own clothes back on him
and led him off to be nailed to a cross.
Simon from Cyrene happened to be coming in from a farm,
and they forced him to carry Jesus' cross.
Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Being hurt and humiliated

Listen in silence



Poster 4

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Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross

Mark 15:22-32

The soldiers took Jesus to Golgotha,
which means "Place of a Skull."

There they gave him some wine mixed with a drug
to ease the pain, but he refused to drink it.

They nailed Jesus to a **cross**

and gambled to see who would get his clothes.

It was about nine o'clock in the morning
when they nailed him to the **cross**.

On it was a sign that told why he was nailed there.

It read, "This is the King of the Jews."

The soldiers also nailed two criminals on **crosses**,
one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left.

People who passed by said terrible things about Jesus.

They shook their heads and shouted,

"Ha! So you're the one who claimed you could tear down the
temple and build it again in three days. Save yourself and
come down from the **cross**!"

The chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses also
made fun of Jesus.

They said to each other,

"He saved others, but he can't save himself. If he is the
Messiah, the king of Israel, let him come down from the
cross! Then we will see and believe."

The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus.

People making fun of you when you're in trouble and pain.

*Listen for the word 'Cross' and each time you hear it, spread
your arms out wide to make a cross.*



Poster 5

Poster 5 The Death of Jesus

Mark 15:33-41

About noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until around three o'clock. Then about that time Jesus shouted, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Some of the people standing there heard Jesus and said, "He is calling for Elijah." One of them ran and grabbed a sponge. After he had soaked it in wine, he put it on a stick and held it up to Jesus. He said, "Let's wait and see if Elijah will come and take him down!" Jesus shouted and then died. At once the curtain in the temple tore in two from top to bottom. A Roman army officer was standing in front of Jesus. When the officer saw how Jesus died, he said, "This man really was the Son of God!" Some women were looking on from a distance. They had come with Jesus to Jerusalem. But even before this they had been his followers and had helped him while he was in Galilee. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joseph were two of these women. Salome was also one of them.

Everyone abandoning you

As you read from the top of the poster down, invite a different person in the group to paint across the section of the poster with a broad brush and thinly mixed black paint. But the time you get to the end of the section, the poster should be covered in black-wash, with the outline of the picture showing through.



Poster 6

Poster 6 Jesus Is Buried

Mark 15:42 – 47

It was now the evening before the Sabbath, and the Jewish people were getting ready for that sacred day.

A man named Joseph from Arimathea was brave enough to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Joseph was a highly respected member of the Jewish council, and he was also waiting for God's kingdom to come.

Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead, and he called in the army officer to find out if Jesus had been dead very long.

After the officer told him, Pilate let Joseph have Jesus' body.

Joseph bought a linen cloth

And took the body down from the cross.

He had it wrapped in the cloth, and he put it in a tomb that had been cut into solid rock.

Then he rolled a big stone against the entrance to the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body was placed.

No hope