

Mark 15:6-15, 25-26, 33-39

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Mark 15:6) Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested.

(Mark 15:7) A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising.

(Mark 15:8) The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

(Mark 15:9) “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate,

(Mark 15:10) knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

(Mark 15:11) But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

(Mark 15:12) “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

(Mark 15:13) “Crucify him!” they shouted.

(Mark 15:14) “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

(Mark 15:15) Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

(Mark 15:25) It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.

(Mark 15:26) The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

(Mark 15:33) At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

(Mark 15:34) And at 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?”).

(Mark 15:35) When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

(Mark 15:36) Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

(Mark 15:37) With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

(Mark 15:38) The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

(Mark 15:39) And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?