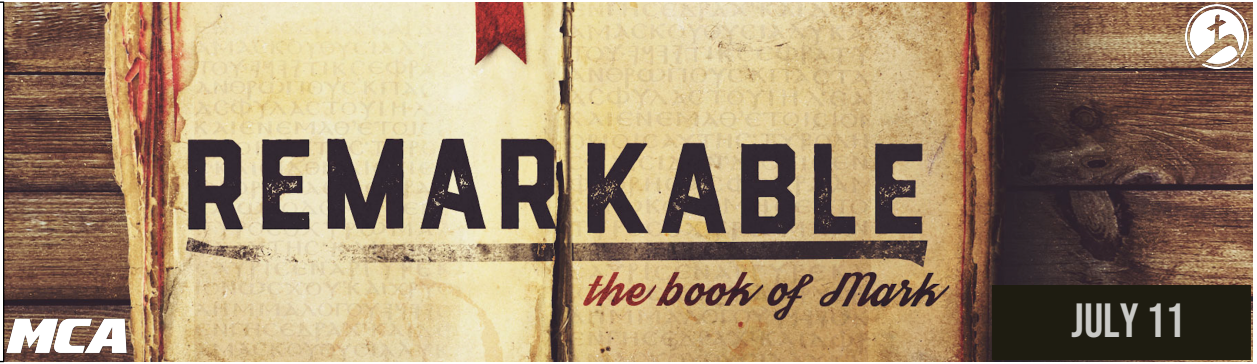




Get the discussion guide each week on your mobile device! Download the MCA Church app.



Sermon Outline

Key verses

And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

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!"

Mark 15:20, 39

1. Jesus was silent

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of." But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15:3-5

2. Jesus was our substitute

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

3. Jesus suffered

There were many who were appalled at him; his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness.

Isaiah 52:14

REMARKABLE SAVIOR: THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Opening Thought

Jesus was arrested and falsely charged in an unfair trial. He was sentenced to death and endured the agony of the cross.

Icebreakers

- When have you been in a wild crowd? Rock concert, football game, core group, etc.
- As a child, would you rather be punished by mom or dad?

Going Deeper

- When someone accuses you of something you didn't do, how do you usually react?
- Which character in this story can you most relate to? The high priest, Pilate, Barabbas, Jesus, the crowds, the centurion?
- What aspect of the crucifixion was the most painful for Jesus? Abandoned by his followers, physical agony, feeling forsaken by God?
- Why did Jesus endure this torture when he could have easily used his power to escape?

Read Matthew 27:15-26

- What is Pilate's overriding concern?
- Pilate managed to neither condemn nor pardon Jesus. Do people still respond the same way today?

Next Steps

- What "curtain" is between you and God right now? Reflect on Mark 15:38 and thank him for making a way back to God.
- Are you living in grateful response to what Christ did for you on the cross?
- How will you choose him as remarkable Savior this week?