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MORNING MESSAGE

“Mark – The Virtuous Life of Jesus”

Mark 15:1-15

INTRODUCTION

A. The Gospel according to Mark

1. The author is a young man named John Mark
 - a. He is first mentioned in Acts 12:12
 - b. He was a traveling companion of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 12:25
 - c. He went back home to Jerusalem in Acts 13:13
 - d. He was the point of contention between Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15:36
 - e. He was profitable unto Paul in 2 Timothy 4:11
 - f. He was probably led to faith in Christ by Peter according to 1 Peter 5:13
2. The audience of Mark was Gentiles; Romans
3. The aim of Mark was to present Jesus as the suffering Servant

B. My text focuses on the virtuous life of Jesus

1. Hebrews 4:15 says He “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin”
2. 1 Peter 2:22 says He “did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth”
3. The text compares Him to three groups: the priests, the politician, and the prisoner
 - a. The priests are introduced in verse 1, “And straightway in the morning the chief priests”
 - b. The politician is introduced in verse 1, “and delivered him unto Pilate”
 - c. The prisoner is introduced in verse 7, “And there was one name Barabbas”

I. THE PRIESTS (v.1a)

- A. The chief priests were the leaders of the Sanhedrin
 1. They are meeting “in the morning”
 2. They are meeting “to deliver him (Jesus) unto Pilate”
 3. They are meeting to make false accusations
- B. Why do they want to kill Him?
 1. Because He was a threat to their power

2. Because He did not meet their expectations
3. Because He exposed their sin

II. THE POLITICIAN (v.1b)

- A. The politician was a man named Pilate
- B. Pilate had three alternatives
 1. He could release Jesus
 2. He could rebuff Jesus
 3. He could return Jesus

III. THE PRISONER (v.7)

- A. The prisoner was a man named Barabbas
 1. His name means “son of father”
- B. Every gospel writer mentions him
 1. Matthew 27:16 calls him “a notable prisoner”
 2. Luke 23:25 says he is guilty of “sedition”
 3. John 18:40 says he was a “robber”
 4. Mark 15:7 says he was guilty of “insurrection” and “murder”