

# The Gospel of the King

## The Mocked and Condemned King

Mark 15:16-32

**The Scene** – the Fulfillment of Psalm 22

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; <sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws ...

<sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Everything that happened was per \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Every detail was \_\_\_\_\_ in advance.

What appears at first to be \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ is actually \_\_\_\_\_ orchestrated.

**The Challenge** – “Come down now from the cross that we may see and believe ...”

*Would they have ‘believed’?*

*Would others ‘believe’?*

*What would they ‘believe’?*

*Would that ‘belief’ save them?*

Jesus could have displayed overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of their battalion.

Jesus could have enacted divine \_\_\_\_\_ against their crimes.

He could have \_\_\_\_\_ the tongue of every mocker and reviler.

Jesus could have fit their \_\_\_\_\_ of what a “god” is by coming down from that cross.

But if He came down, he could not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Jesus stayed on the cross to \_\_\_\_\_ the antagonistic, the violent, the indifferent, and the scoffer, not to \_\_\_\_\_ them salvation.

**The Question** – Why then did Jesus die?

Romans 3:21-26

Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ and sin must be \_\_\_\_\_ for.

*How does God’s forgiveness “work”?*

God freely offers us \_\_\_\_\_, but that requires a \_\_\_\_\_.

Without it, God forfeits His \_\_\_\_\_.

That “propitiation” is \_\_\_\_\_, and we must receive that \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

*Only by being convicted of my \_\_\_\_\_ can I be convinced of His \_\_\_\_\_!*

*Only by recognizing the rightful, righteous WRATH of God can I see the worth of my \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Only by responding in humble, grateful \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s priceless offer can I be \_\_\_\_\_.*

*That’s very different from “come own now from the cross that we may see and believe ...”*

**My response today:**