

Jesus Was Condemned and Crucified . . . but Sunday's Coming Mark 15:1–32

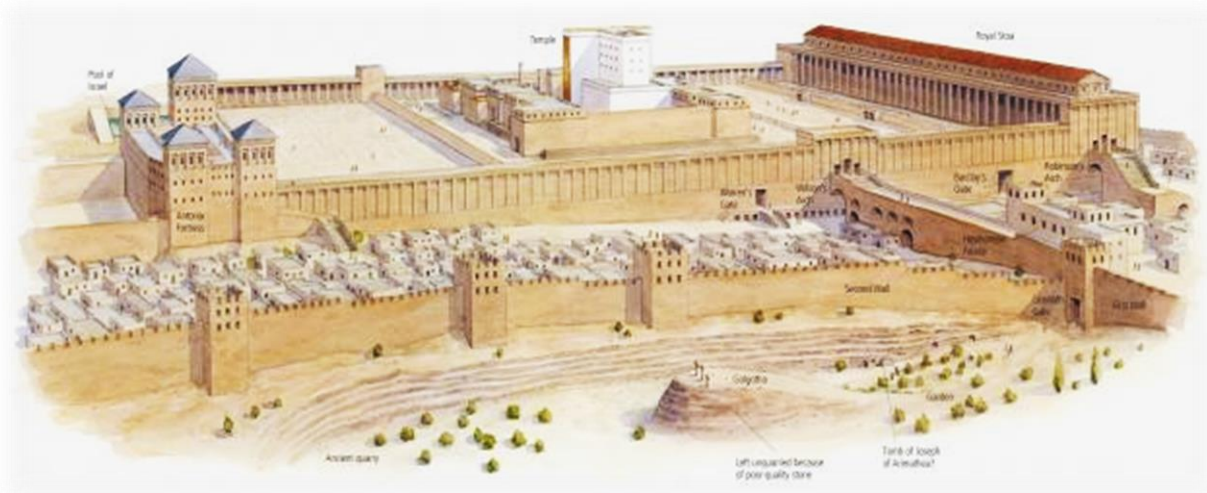
1. The condemnation of the Lord (15:1–14)



Pilate: Three Questions	Crowd: Three Responses
"Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" (15:9)	No [implied] (15:11)
"Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?" (15:12)	"Crucify him." (v. 13)
"Why, what evil has he done?" (15:14)	"Crucify him." (15:14)

2. The cruel mistreatment of the Lord (15:15–20)

3. The crucifixion of the Lord (15:21–32)



Some Ancient References to Crucifixion:

- Crucifixion was “that cruel and disgusting penalty (Cicero *Against Verres* 2.5.64, 66 §§165, 169)
- Crucifixion was referred to as “the accursed tree” (*Seneca Ep.* 101.14)
- Crucifixion victims were “feeding crows on the cross” (Horace, *Ep.* 1.16.46-48; cf. Petronius, *Sat.* 11-112)
- Crucifixion resulted in “the most pitiable of deaths” (Josephus, *Wars* 7.6.4 § 203)

Think and Do

- We all face with challenge of what we are going to do with Jesus. The people we read about today have made their choice. What about you?
- If you are a Christ-follower then take up your cross and follow Him (Mark 8:34).
- If you are not a Christ-follower then become one. Many we have read about were on the wrong side of history but don't you be on the wrong side of ETERNITY!
- Whatever shoe fits you this morning, choose carefully *because Sunday's Coming!*