

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did the Jewish leaders send Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor?
2. Why didn't Jesus answer Pilate's questions?
3. When is it more appropriate for us to remain silent rather than defend ourselves?
4. Why did the chief priests envy Christ? What effects does envy have on one's life?
5. How do evil influences affect us in our decision-making?
6. Who is guilty of the condemnation of Christ to death?

### SUMMARY:

We are not told just what was said in the consultation with the chief priests and all the leaders, but as Jesus was turned over to Pilate they accused Him of many things. Being moved with envy, jealousy and rage, they brought about all the power of their evil influences to move the people to desire Him to be crucified. The people were asked for their decision in what they would do with Jesus, and this inescapable personal question faces every individual today. What will **you** do with Jesus?

### NOTES:

---

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

March 12, 2023

First Quarter

### THE KING CONDEMNED

---

**LESSON TEXT:** *Mark 15:1-15*

**LESSON SETTING:** Jesus before Pilate (the Roman Governor) and the chief priests (Jesus' accusers), in the judgment hall of Pilate's home.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D. Early in the morning on the day of Jesus' crucifixion.

---

#### I. THE LEADERS CONSULTING. Mark 15:1-5

- A. False Accusations. Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 3:16-18
- B. A Time for Silence. Ecclesiastes 3:7; Amos 5:13
- C. Christ's Silence Foretold. Isaiah 42:2; 53:7

#### II. THE PEOPLE CHOOSING. Mark 15:6-11

- A. Envy. Proverbs 14:30; Galatians 5:26
- B. Evil Influences. Acts 13:8; Romans 2:24
- C. Corrupt Priests. Ezekiel 22:26; Hosea 6:9; John 19:6

#### III. THE SAVIOUR CONDEMNED. Mark 15:12-15

- A. Call to Decision. Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Mark 10:21
- B. The Inescapable Question. Matthew 16:13-15; Matthew 21:10
- C. Men-pleasers. John 12:43; Acts 24:27; Colossians 3:2
- D. Rejection of Christ. Mark 6:3; John 1:11; John 12:48

**GOLDEN TEXT: HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN: A MAN OF SORROWS, AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF.** Isaiah 53:3

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Samuel 1:1 through 2:11  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Judges 13:2-7; Luke 1:5-13

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Samuel and Saul- 1 Samuel

**TOPIC:** EARLY LIFE OF SAMUEL

**INTRODUCTION:**

Year after year Hannah and her husband went up to the House of the Lord to offer unto the Lord their yearly sacrifice. But always Hannah yearned for a son.

At one such time the priest Eli noticed her in her grief and he spoke to her. She told him the cause of her sadness and of her prayer, having poured out her soul before the Lord. Eli answered her with these wonderful comforting words: "Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him." (1 Samuel 1:17) She believed this blessing would be hers and her sadness left and she was comforted in the thought that the promise would be fulfilled.

We too should believe as Hannah, that what God promises in His Word He will fulfill, but we have our part also to fulfill, even as Hannah did. When her boy was born, she gave him to the Lord. When he was still very young she left him at the House of the Lord to serve Him, even as she had promised the Lord she would.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** In prayer, believing is receiving (see Matt 21:22).

**GOLDEN TEXT: CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD.**  
Psalm 127:3

How often men think of their children as a possession, belonging to them by right of birth. "Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh." But when we stop to consider the wonders of creation, we realize that only God can give life, that He alone is our Maker, and can either give or withhold life when a child is born. "For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance yet being imperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there were none of them." (Psalm 139:13-16)

Children truly are a gift from God, and by right of birth belong to Him and it is our duty and privilege to teach them His ways.

The same God who gave us these bodies by the miracle of birth also offers us the "new birth", through which we can have "life, and have it more abundantly."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 13 – 19**

Mon. \*Samuel's Father. 1 Samuel 1:1-8  
Tue. \*Samuel's Mother. 1 Samuel 1:9-18  
Wed. \*Samuel's Birth. 1 Samuel 1:19-23  
Thu. \*Samuel's Dedication. 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Fri. \*Hannah's Prayer. 1 Samuel 2:1-11  
Sat. Samson's Birth. Judges 13:2-7  
Sun. John's Birth. Luke 1:5-13

Visit [www.accfoundation.org](http://www.accfoundation.org) for this and other Bible class lessons