

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Inauguration: Despised & Rejected by Men

Mark 15:16-32

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Father in heaven, King of kings, Savior and LORD. You are worthy of all our praise, glory and honor. Our great aim & joy is to join with the angels in heaven and sing, “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come*” (Rev 4:8). Indeed, “*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created*” (Rev 4:11). And yet, LORD, though our lips may often utter these praises; our hearts are often so very far way. We are cold and indifferent. We prefer our own glory, our own kingdom, our own plans. We grumble and complain at our callings, our circumstances, our future. Lord, our doubting hearts also mock and ridicule and revile your authority, your provision, your working in your lives. Turn us this morning from our foolish, mocking hearts and cause us by faith to be captivated and drawn to our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we cling to the abiding blessings we have in Christ, the worthy Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing forevermore!! It is in His blessed name we pray these things. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

1. Led to the Cross (15:16-21) ~ Authority
2. Raised upon the Cross (15:22-27) ~ Sacrifice
3. Hanging on the Cross (15:29-32) ~ Power

Central Textual Truth

King Jesus was despised and rejected by men.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust & revel in the worthy name of Jesus the Christ.