Mark 15

*“The Lamb”*

**Scripture:** Mark 15:1-47

**Memory Verse:** *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”* John 1:29

**Lesson Focus:** Jesus was the Lamb of God for us.

**Activities and Craft:** Coloring Page; Work Sheet

Craft for 1st and 2nd grades: The Lamb of God Cut Out

**Introduction:**

 Hold up a “stuffed lamb.” (we will have a stuffed lamb in each of the teaching rooms for

 you.)

 Ask the kids:

 What is cute about this lamb?

 Why do we like baby lambs?

 Has anyone ever petted a little lamb?

 Do you know what a sacrifice is?

 Do you know that in the Old Testament the Jewish people would offer lambs as a

sacrifice to God? Does that sound terrible? Why would God ask them to do that? (The Old Testament sacrifices were the way people would ask God to forgive them. The animal would cost them something and it was temporary. They would have to do this to cover their sin many times during their life and it would remind them of their sin and the need for forgiveness before a Holy God. They would bring their animal to the Temple and the priest would put his hand on the animal’s head and pray for the sins of the people. He would then kill the animal and its blood would be the payment for their sins.)

We are going to see today in our Bible Study that Jesus Christ was the Lamb of God for us.

**Bible Study:**

 **Mark 15:1-15;** *Jesus before Pilate*

Mark 15:1; When we come to this section of Scripture – Jesus has been arrested and has stood before the Jewish High priest. Now they are taking Jesus to Pilate (the Roman governor.)

Mark 15:2

 √ What does Pilate ask Jesus?

 √ How did Jesus answer Pilate?

Mark 15:3-5

 √ What did the Chief Priests accuse Jesus of? (many things)

 √ Did Jesus answer them? Why do you think that Jesus did not answer?

 Jesus is fulfilling a prophecy of the Messiah.

 Isaiah 53:7 says, *“He was oppressed and He was afflicted,*

*yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth.”*

 √ Why did Pilate marvel? (Because Jesus would not defend Himself.

Most people would loudly protest their innocence….but Jesus did not need to.)

Mark 15:6-11

 √ What was Pilates custom to do during the feast? (release one

 prisoner.)

 √ Who was in the jail at that time? (a man named Barabbas)

 √ Why was Barabbas in jail? (He was a rebel and had committed

 murder.)

 √ Who did Pilate want to release to them? (Jesus)

 √ Who did they ask for him to release? (Barabbas)

 √ Who got the crowd stirred up to ask for Barabbas? (The Chief Priests)

 Mark 15:12-15

 √ What did Pilate ask the crowd in Mark 12? (What do you want me to

 do with the King of the Jews?)

 √ What was there answer? (crucify Him)

 √ What does Pilate ask them after they said to crucify Him? (Why)

 √ Why does Pilate give Jesus to be crucified? (to give the crowd what

 they wanted.)

 **Mark 15:16-37;** *The Crucifixion*

 Mark 15:16-20

 √ What did the Roman Soldiers do to Jesus?

1. Clothed Him with purple
2. Put a crown of thorns on His head
3. Salute Him and call Him the *King of the Jews*
4. Hit Him
5. Spit on Him
6. Pretend to worship Him

According to the other gospels, this happened before Pilate gave Jesus to be crucified. He then brought Jesus out and said, “here is the man.” Pilate probably was hoping that the beating that Jesus took was enough.

Mark 15:21-37

 √ Who carried Jesus’ cross? (Simon a Cyrenian)

 √ Where was Jesus crucified? (Golgotha)

 √ After they crucified Jesus what did the soldiers do? (gambled for His

 clothes. This was also a prophecy in Psalm 22:18 for the Messiah.

 √ Who was Jesus crucified with? (2 robbers)

 √ Why was it significate that Jesus was crucified with two robbers?

(because there was an Old Testament prophecy in Isaiah that said the Messiah would be “numbered with transgressors; Isaiah 53:12)

 √ What happened in Mark 15:33? (At about 12 noon it became dark for

3 long hours. This was seen as a super-natural event. It came on suddenly and was not normal.)

 √ What did the crowd and the chief priests say to make fun of Jesus?

 Cannot save your self

 √ What did Jesus say in Mark 15:34? (My God, My God, why have You

forsaken Me?) What does that mean? This is also a prophecy from Psalm 22. Jesus knew these words and in His tremendous pain of taking on the sin of the world He was separated from God His Father.

When Jesus paid the price for our sin on the cross – Jesus became sin for us. He became the sacrificial Lamb of God. God cannot know sin, and at that time God turned His back on His son.

Mark does not record everything that happened during Jesus’ crucifixion. John 19:30 tells us that Jesus said, “*It is finished” and then died.* The way this was said in the Greek language is a perfect tense that says, “it has been and it forever will be finished.” Jesus finished His mission.

 √ What did the centurion say in Mark 15:39? (Surely this was the Son of

 God.”)

 √ What happened after Jesus died? (The veil of the temple was torn in

two from top to bottom.) Why was that important….because the veil in the temple separated us from the holy place where God was said to dwell. Jesus is going to change things. When Jesus died and took on our sin – He is our way to God! John 14:6 says, “I am the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE and NO ONE COMES to the Father except through Me.” We have a new way to God. It is not through a priest or a sacrifice. Jesus is our sacrifice in our place. Jesus is the lamb of God for us.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus walking towards him to be baptized he said this;

“Look the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”

John 1:29

1 Peter 1:18-19 says; ”*Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things like gold and silver…but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

Only Jesus could pay the price of our sin. Only Jesus lived this life without sin. We are saved by the finished work on the cross.

 **Mark 15:38-47** “*The Burial”*

 √ What did the Centurion say after Christ died? (Truly this Man was the

 Son of God.”

 √ Who took Jesus’ body? (Joseph of Arimathea)

 √ What did Joseph do with Jesus’ body?

1. Wrapped Jesus’ body in linen
2. Laid Him in a tomb made out of rock
3. Rolled a stone against the door

**Conclusion:**

1. The Love of God! When we see and read about the horrors of the cross we should be overwhelmed with the love of God. This is how much God loves you. This is a love that made sure we had a simple and clear way to God. This is love providing our salvation forever.

Let’s pray right now for the love of God that He showed to us at the cross.

(take time for someone to pray)

1. The Lamb of God! Jesus paid the price of our sin. He is the perfect lamb of God. Jesus never sinned and He gave His life freely as an offering for the sin of the world. He is the ONLY way to God.

Let’s pray right now and thank God for Jesus being the lamb of God for us.

(take time right now and let someone pray and thank God.)

1. Our Salvation! Jesus paid the price for our salvation and all we have to do is believe. *“…that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Romans 10:9

Let’s pray – and if anyone has not yet asked Jesus to forgive their sins and believed that Jesus paid the price for your sins and has risen from the grave – let them do that now.

(Pray)