**JESUS WAS CONDEMNED IN OUR PLACE**

Mark 15:1-15 (Key verse 15)

*Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.*

1. What decision did the Chief Priests, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin reach (1)? Why did they hand Jesus over to Pilate? What did they accuse Jesus of (2a)? How did Jesus respond (2b)? What do we learn about Jesus who admitted that He is “THE KING OF THE JEWS”?
2. What did the Chief Priests further accuse Jesus of (3-4)? However, how did Jesus respond to these accusations (5)? Why did Jesus make no reply? How could this be very futile for Jesus? Why was Pilate amazed at Jesus’ no-response?
3. What was a common practice during the Festival (6)? Who was Barabbas, and what was he imprisoned for (7)? What did the crowd ask Pilate to do (8)? Who did Pilate think would be released (9)? According to law, how was Jesus not guilty (10, 11, 12, 14)? Yet, how did Pilate give into the crowd’s request (15)? Let us think about Jesus who was condemned instead of Barabbas.