



## Sermon Overview

The crucifixion and death of Jesus of Nazareth are the most significant events in human history. As followers of Jesus, the more we know and understand about the cross, the more we will worship God and appreciate his plan of redemption.

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## Getting Started

1. To the best of your ability, imagine you have never heard the story of Jesus' crucifixion and death. How do you think you would respond? What kind of questions would you have? How would you react to the claim that Jesus' died for the sin of his people?

## Starting with God

2. Coming from the brutal beating and mocking of vv. 6-20, onto the streets of Jerusalem where he carries his own cross, what does Jesus' silent determination to get to the cross tell you about his character and nature?
  
3. Read verse 21. What does this interesting little note about 'Alexander and Rufus' tell us about Mark's readers, and the trustworthiness of this account.

4. Some have called verse 34 “the most important terrible question ever asked.” What does the question tell us about what Jesus is doing? What does it tell us about what the Father was doing? What is the answer to Jesus’ question?

5. What is the meaning of the tearing of the veil in 15:38?

### **Living God’s Word**

6. Sin carries a heavy price tag. Sin promises everything we would ever want, then takes all we have. Sin does however share a likeness with discipleship – they both demand our all. Sin demands all and leaves us empty. Christ demands all and leaves us overflowing. Read Romans 6:15-20. Now, pray that God would bring to mind areas of your life where you are walking in sin and slavery. Ask that he would point you to the freedom provided in the cross – where slavery to sin goes to die.

### **Prayer**

*Father God,  
Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for the freedom you offer. Please guide me to walk with you in the spirit and knowledge that there is no veil, no separation from you, for those who are in Christ.  
Amen.*