



Teaching Notes: Scott Fameli

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Jesusology

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“Mocking Jesus”

Scripture always reveals who Jesus is, and in contrast who we are. Mark being a master of contrast will help us look clearly at the most obvious contrast between our hearts and God's heart. The mocking of Jesus shows our natural response to the gospel and how Jesus responds to our sin. Let's pray it will change and continue to change our hearts.

1. Three things Jesus is mocked for...

- Prophet (_____) v14:65 (Truth Teller)
- Merciful Ruler (_____) v15:17-20 (King)
- Graceful Savior (_____) v15:29-31 (Priest)

Contrasting Hearts:

2. What does this account reveal about our hearts?

- **We are _____ Sinful and Depraved** – The beating (v15) and crucifixion (v22-24) of Christ was response of duty that came from a direct order. The mocking was a natural response that came from depraved hearts.
- **Our sin is rooted in an _____ of Superiority** – Religious ignorance produces moral arrogance.

3. What does this account reveal about God's heart?

The whole bible teaches us about our depravity and of God's absolute standards of justice, mercy and grace. The mocking of Jesus and the crucifixion is an intense view.

God has a standard of _____, but I need a Prophet. Justice is for the preservation of righteousness.

- God's speaks the truth through _____
- Dan 9:4-5
- Repentance is the only _____
to violating God's justice. **Matt 4:17**
- A lack of repentance is _____ and
God's patience is not evidence of _____.
Rom 2:5 & 3:23
- What God requires of us, _____
– Rom 5:8

God has a standard of _____, but I need a Ruler

- Mercy preserves the sinner while the sin is condemned by justice. **Rom 10:1-12**

God has a standard of _____, but I need of a Savior

- Justice = perfect judgment, Mercy = profound pardon
- Grace = Unconditional Love, The sum of which equals complete and eternal atonement.

We respond to the gospel in one of three ways:

Attack, Flight or Surrender & Submit

What questions does the mocking of Jesus answer for us and how will it change my heart?

4. What is our problem?

- **Enmity with God?** Enmity (Greek: Echtra) = Hatred, hostility
- **The internal battle of two hearts?**
Jeremiah 17:9 Heart – *Leb* = _____
Mark 12:30 Heart – *Kardia* = _____
- **What's the solution to our problem?**
The _____ through the cross – Eph 2:13-16

5. Why did God allow the mocking and the cross?

- The _____ of True Power and Strength
- Holy _____ can only be satisfied with a Holy _____.

Romans 5:20&21 ²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase (humanly our strength is what is really our weakness - sin); but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In what ways are you religiously ignorant or morally arrogant?

What is His response to our sin and mocking?

Power in His Word – More than a prophet!

Power in the Cross – More than a savior!

Power in His Son – More than a king!



Growing

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- 1) Read Mark 15:16-20 and focus on the actions of the soldiers in contrast with the orders they were given (Mark 15:15, Luke 23:24). How does this account illustrate the condition of the human heart? Why is this vivid picture of brutality necessary and what balance of despair and hope does it bring to mind as you consider its purpose?
- 2) Jesus was mocked for his claims to be a prophet (to instruct us), savior (to save us) and king (to rule us). Why and to whom was this offensive in that culture and is it still offensive today? To survive in society we must all be instructed by, ruled by and at the mercy of many lesser lords (personal & civil authorities). Who are your functional prophets, saviors and kings? How does our true Prophet, Savior and King help us to live among these lesser "lords".
- 3) From our depravity comes an attitude of superiority. What two conditions of depravity are demonstrated by the chief priests? What are the consequences of Religious ignorance and moral arrogance? What must we do as Christians to build our immunity against these conditions of depravity?
- 4) Enmity toward God is the default mode of our hearts. What should we discern about our hearts and how will our understanding of God's standards or justice, mercy and grace help us deal with our heart condition?
- 5) The Paradox of True Power and Strength is that God's power was manifest through the submissive weakness of Jesus and He allowed sin to have its way so that the enormity of our debt could be measured in full. How does Romans 5:20&21 help us reconcile this paradox?
- 6) It is a fact that our natural response to the gospel is hostility, but by the acceptance of Christ as Lord we are equipped with the armor of God to fight the internal battle (Eph 6:10-17). How do you respond to the Gospel daily? Consider your failings of religious ignorance and moral arrogance? Now consider God's amazing grace through the mocking of Christ. Pray through the battle (Eph 6:18-20)