

United Church of Marco Island

Mark Bible Study #20: Tuesday, May 28th at 10AM

Mark 15-16 “Victory”

Introductions

Opening Prayer

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of man is Pilate? (15: 1-15)
2. What kind of evidence is there that he wants to do what is right?
3. What keeps Pilate from doing what is right?
4. What morals or ethics that we can learn from Pilate's mistake?
5. In what sense is Barabbas a stand-in for every believer?
6. The wine mixed with myrrh offered to Jesus would have had a narcotic effect. Why did Jesus refuse it?
7. What ironies are present in the charges and jeers directed toward Jesus on the cross? (15: 25-32)
8. In what ways is the centurion's confession a climax to the whole of Mark's gospel?
9. Why do you think it was Joseph and the woman who had followed Jesus (and not the eleven) who were present when Jesus died and his body needed a tomb?
10. Why do you think it is significant that Peter is mentioned by name in 16:7?
11. What reassurance can we draw from the Lord's evident forgiveness of Peter?
12. The earliest and best manuscripts of Mark's gospel end at 16:8. How is verse 8 an appropriate ending to the gospel story?
13. How can this final passage in Mark's gospel reinforce our commitment to embodying and sharing the good news of Christ?