

## Day 3

1. In verse 39, the centurion at the cross acknowledges Jesus as “the Son of God”. Read the following passages from the Gospel of Mark and note who is calling Jesus what things.

1. Mark 1:1
2. Mark 1:11
3. Mark 1:24
4. Mark 2:6-7
5. Mark 3:22
6. Mark 4:35-41
7. Mark 8:27-30
8. Mark 9:7-8

2. What things do you notice about who is calling Jesus what things?

3. In the Gospel of Mark, the centurion is the only human that calls Jesus the Son of God other than the narrator. If the cross is a place where we see God, in what ways should we be describing God based upon the cross?

## Mark 15:33-39

<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup> And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

## Day 1

1. Read Mark 15:33-39 and
  - A. Identify who is in this passage
  - B. Observe what is taking place
  - C. Observe where it is taking place
  - D. Using a colored pencil or pen, mark repeated words using a similar color or mark.
  - E. Write any questions that come to mind in the margins

## Day 2

There are three big phrases that we will be taking a through look at in this passage. Each carries an incredible amount of meaning that is connected to other Scriptures through the Bible.

1. In verse 34, Jesus quotes Psalm 22:1. Read Psalm 22.

Psalm 22 is a classic lament psalm. Laments have a typical structure of an address to God, a complaint to God, an affirmation of trust, a petition, an acknowledgment of response, and a doxology of blessing or praise.

2. Go back through Psalm 22 and look for each of the sections of lament psalm.

3. Many scholars believe that ancient Jews would quote the first line of a psalm as a way to quote the entire psalm. If this is the case, what type of message is Jesus communicating to God and to those around Him when in he quotes Psalm 22 while hanging on the cross?

4. In verse 38, the curtain in the temple tears from top to bottom. Read Exodus 26:31-34. In this passage, the curtain, also called a veil, is used to separate the Holy from the Most Holy place. The Tabernacle, the representation of God's presence, was in the Most Holy place. What is being communicated by Mark in telling us that when Jesus dies the curtain tears from top to bottom.