**“Humiliated”**

Going deeper in Mark 15:21-32

**INTRODUCTION** The Roman soldiers have flogged Jesus. Typically, this would have been 39 lashes and many died just from this. They dressed him up in a purple cloth and put a crown of thorns on him. Then they ridiculed him by kneeling down and pretended to pay him homage as a king. After stripping him of the robe and putting his cloths back on him the soldiers lead him away to crucify him and this happens.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 21 Simon from Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was walking along when the Roman soldiers forced him to carry Jesus’ cross. 22 The soldiers led Jesus to Golgotha which means, “Place of the Skull.” 23 They gave him wine mixed with myrrh, but he would not take it. 24 They nailed him to the cross. They divided up his clothes and threw dice to see who would get them. 25 They nailed him to the cross at nine o’clock in the morning. 26 The charge against him – The King of the Jews – was written above his head. 27 Along with him, they crucified two criminal revolutionaries, one to his right and one to his left. 28 So the Scripture, “He was numbered with transgressors” was fulfilled. 29 Those passing by threw humiliating insults at him, shaking their heads saying, “Ha, you were the one who was going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. 30 Save yourself and come down from the cross.” 31 In the same way the chief priests ridiculed him along with the scribes saying, “He saved others, but he can’t even save himself! 32 Let this messiah, the King of Israel, climb down from the cross so we can see and become believers.” Even the men crucified alongside of him joined in the insulting humiliation of him.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What would you be thinking and feeling if you were Simon from Cyrene?

2. How many different ways is Jesus humiliated in this passage?

3. How would you react if you were given the death penalty unfairly?

4. What is ironic about the sign “King of the Jews” posted over his head?

5. Why does Jesus choose not to come down from the cross? What would have happened if he did?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Tell the Lord Jesus how thankful you are for his sacrificial love.

\*Talk to him about how his love has changed you.

\*Ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit and his power so you can continue to grow in that love.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Jesus love for you, your neighbors, and this world was not something that he just talked about. It had a real practical expression as he took your sin and the world’s sin on himself and experienced the full judgment of God for that sin. How is Jesus, your Lord, calling you to show his love in very practical ways this week?