

Blue Collar Jesus Series

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Mark 15 outline

Jesus: The Son of God

HARD AT WORK. ON MISSION. WITH PURPOSE. IN LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

I. Encountering the Cross of Christ

Take notice of each encounter, interaction, and response to Jesus:

- A. The chief priest, elders, teachers, and whole Sanhedrin (vs 1)
- B. Pilate (vs 2)
- C. Barabbas (vs 6)
- D. The company of soldiers (16)
- E. Simon of Cyrene (vs 21)
- F. The two rebels (vs 27) [read Luke 23:39-43 for more detail]
- G. The passers-by (vs 29)
- F. The centurion soldier (vs 39)
- G. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome (vs 40)
- H. Joseph of Arimathea (vs 43)

II. Responding to the Cross of Christ

The Contrasting Responses to Christ

The First Rebel -taunted him	->	The Second Rebel -asked for mercy
Pilate -amazed with him, and walks away from him	->	The Women -took notice of him and followed him
The company of soldiers -flogged him and mocked him	->	The Centurion guard -having seen hundreds of crucifixions; knew this was different and proclaimed his divinity
The passers-by -wagged their heads and derided him	->	Simon of Cyrene -passing by was compelled to carry his cross
The Sanhedrin -bound him, handed him over, and celebrated his death	->	Joseph of Arimathea -a member of the council, emboldened by faith in him, gave all he had and cared for him in death
Barabbas -means "son of the Father" -was freed from the penalty of death	->	Jesus -"The Son of God" -took the place of all mankind so we could experience freedom and life

III. Compelled by the Cross of Christ

A. THE CROSS OF CHRIST COMPELS US TO CONFESSION

Just as the Robber begged for and received mercy, so too does the cross of Christ call us to confess our need for help and receive the redemption our hearts desire.

1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

B. THE CROSS OF CHRIST COMPELS US TO CHOOSE

Just as the Women chose to follow Jesus together, so too does the cross of Christ compel us into the world as His followers.

Matthew 4:19 *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

C. THE CROSS OF CHRIST COMPELS US TO CERTAINTY

Just as the Centurion was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, so too does the cross of Christ compel us to have certainty in the full, real, and finished work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Romans 8:38-39 *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

D. THE CROSS OF CHRIST COMPELS US TO CARRY

Just as Simon was pressed into service to carry the cross of Jesus, so too does the cross of Christ compel us to take up our cross daily and follow him.

Luke 9:23 *"Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me'"*

E. THE CROSS OF CHRIST COMPELS US TO COMMIT

Just as Joseph of Arimathea stepped forward in boldness and followed Jesus the best he could with what he had, so too does the cross of Christ compel us to commit our lives in response to His great love.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
WE MUST EMBRACE THE CROSS OF CHRIST.