

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
Fall CE: ICTHUS –
Class 4: The Cross – Passion (Chapter 6)

- **Mark 15:1-39**

- **Background**
 - **Gethsemane**
 - **Betrayal**

- **Trial after Trial**
 - **3 Religious Trials**
 - **3 Civil Trials**

- **Peter's Denials**

- **Devotional Truth**

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For the Son of God, who came

Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,

In my place condemned he stood;

Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we;

Spotless Lamb of God was He:

Full atonement, - can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

I. **"Bearing shame and scoffing rude"**

- From the kiss to the cross
- Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- From one shaming occasion to another
 - The kiss
 - High Priest and religious leaders
 - False witnesses
 - Physical abuse
 - Pontius Pilate
 - Scourging
 - Roman Soldiers (the whole battalion)
- Isaiah 52:14

As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind

- The last journey
 - Carrying the cross-beam to Calvary
 - Simon of Cyrene
 - Golgotha
 - "and they crucified Him"
 - Casting lots

- Mocking of the Savior
 - As Prophet
 - As Priest
 - As King
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II. “In my place condemned He stood”

- Two basic charges against Jesus
 - Religious charge- blasphemy
 - Civil charge – treason

III. “Sealed my pardon with His blood”

- Mark 15:38
And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- 1 Peter 3:18
For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.
- Three living commentaries on the cross:
 - Barabbas
 - Simon of Cyrene
 - The Roman Centurion

IV. Implications:

- Have I seen that the meaning of the cross belongs to the things that Paul said are of “first importance” for me: “that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures”? -1 Corinthians 15
- Can I say, “Bearing shame – my shame – and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood and sealed my pardon with His blood”?
- If so, then I will want to shout: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
 - Yes, indeed. What a Savior!