

**Crucified, Dead and Buried**  
**Mark 15:21-47 (page 708)**

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**God uses submission and suffering to a c c o m p l i s h His purposes (Mark 15:21-26; cf Ps 69:21; Ps 22:18)**

- Jesus' apparent h e l p l e s s n e s s resulted in people considering Him a f a i l u r e.
- God's redeeming purposes are r e v e a l e d through humbling ourselves to o b e y His will. (2 Cor 12:9-10)

**God is able to use those who oppose Him to c o n f i r m His power (Mark 15:27-32; cf Isa 53:12; Ps 22:6-8)**

- The taunts of the bystanders only r e v e a l the t r u e nature of the work of Jesus.
- Those most h o s t i l e toward our service can be used by God to m a g n i f y the very thing He is doing through us at the time.

**God does His most significant work in the d a r k e s t times (Mark 15:33-38; cf Ps 22:1; Amos 8:9)**

- The death of Jesus signified a new a c c e s s to God, making the temple o b s o l e t e. (John 4:21,23-24; Heb 10:19-22)
- It is out of the depths of our troubles that God reveals the n e w t h i n g He is doing.

**God's work will always awaken f a i t h in people (Mark 15:39-47)**

- In contrast to the m i s g u i d e d bystanders certain individuals r e s p o n d e d to the power of the Cross.
- Our faithfulness to God's will inspires others:
  - to c o n s i d e r the t r u t h about Jesus. (v 39)
  - to c o u r a g e o u s l y i d e n t i f y with Jesus. (vs 40-41)
  - to b o l d l y take a s t a n d for Jesus. (vs 42-47)