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How does this fulfill what Jesus has previously said in Mark?

Why does Jesus remain silent in the face of his accusers?

How does this connect to Isaiah 53?

Why does Jesus answer the question about being the King?

What is motivating Pilate's actions? What motivates the Priests?

How do their actions compare with Jesus' earlier teachings about leaders, servants, authority, and power?

Why does the crowd turn on Jesus? How is this a cautionary warning for us?

The soldiers mock Jesus, but in what ways are they actually speaking the truth?

On the cross Jesus prays Psalm 22. Take time to read the whole Psalm.

Where do you see parallels between the Psalm and the crucifixion?

What is significant about Jesus turning to God in prayer when he feels abandoned by God? How is this an example for us in hard times?

Compare the Baptism (1:9-11), Transfiguration (9:2-8), and Crucifixion (15:33-39)

How do the beginning, middle, and end of the Gospel say the same thing? What is the main point Mark is communicating?

What are the layers of significance and meaning of the Temple curtain tearing?

How is the crucifixion actually the exultation and glorification of Jesus?

What are the implications of worshipping a God who responds to evil with love, power with weakness, and violence with sacrifice?

How does Jesus actively live out everything he has taught in Mark's Gospel?

How will you respond to the crucified Jesus? Like the crowd, the soldiers, the priests, the 12, the crucified rebels, the women, or the centurion?

What does it mean to truly confess Jesus as the King, the Son of God?

How is the Spirit inviting you to enter into this reality more fully?

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