

April 19 & 20 - "The Hour I First Believed-When a Good Man Dies"

Read:

Mark 1:1,11

Mark 15:33-45

Matthew 28:1-15

2 Corinthians 5:21

Consider:

1. As disciples of Jesus, we believe that He conquered death, or was victorious over it—and yet Jesus still died. Of course the resurrection of Jesus puts this in perspective, but what do we learn about Jesus from the manner in which He endured the cross?
2. In Mark 1:1 and 1:11, he begins his gospel by emphasizing what characteristic of Jesus? How does he use the confession of the Roman Centurion to end his gospel in 15:39? What caused the Centurion to make this confession?
3. When Joseph asked for the body of Jesus so He could be buried, whose testimony did Pilate use to confirm Jesus' death? Mark 15:43-45-- Does this testimony increase your trust in the reality that Jesus was actually dead?
4. If the Centurion gives us the testimony from a non-Jewish perspective, to what does the event of Mark 15:38 speak? Can you correlate this event with 2 Corinthians 5:21? How does the death of Christ correlate to the activities in the Temple?
5. According to Matthew 28, the Roman guards reported to the Jewish leaders what had happened at the tomb. The leaders again suppress the truth. What does this say about human nature in regard to God and our relationship to Him? (28:11-15)
6. Considering this study, fill in this sentence based on what you've discovered. There are several ways so don't fixate on just one: It is possible to miss the glory of God even if.....

Pray:

Listen to "Forever" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ__W9VH9Lo

Take a moment and prepare your heart to receive the power of celebration that comes in worshipping the risen Christ. You can be confident and grateful that Jesus has finished the work of redemption and reconciliation, providing for your victory over sin and death.