

Breakthrough

Breaking Toward The Cross

Mark 14.61-64,15.1-15

Jesus was crucified because of who he was.

The Inevitable

61 But He kept silent and did not answer Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

63 Tearing his clothes, the high priest *said, "What further need do we have of witnesses 64 You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

15 Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

2 Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He *answered him, "It is as you say."

3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly.

4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!" 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

12 Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him!"

14 But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they

shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!"

15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

People reject Jesus today, just like then, because he threatens their authority

The crucifixion of Jesus was the ultimate act of rebellion against God

Why Did They Reject Jesus?

Jesus had authority

Jesus had authenticity

To follow Jesus is to admit you are wrong

To reject Jesus is to reject who he is, the authoritative and authentic Christ.