

# ALIVE

## PICTURES OF JESUS

### ICE BREAKER:

Does the cross have any meaning to society? What is it to them? How about to Christians? And to you personally?

**NOTE:** This week's message consisted of 7 portraits of Christ leading up to his crucifixion, 7 scriptures that paint a picture in our minds. But the most important of the pictures is Mark 15:22 where they crucified our Lord. Let each picture sink in today, but may the cross and the crucifixion change us today.

### PICTURE #1: JESUS ON A DONKEY

**Read Mark 11:7-11**

- Why a donkey? Why did they spread cloaks and branches on the ground?
- In **vss. 9-11**, what are the crowds doing?
- In **Mark 15:13**, what are the crowds doing?
- Do we see public opinion change quickly in our own society/communities? Give an example.

### PICTURE #2: JESUS AT A TABLE

**Read Mark 14:17-26**

- What's so significant about this story? Why is communion such an important part of the church? Did Jesus ever stop loving any of the 12? (*One betrayed him, one denied him, and one doubted him*).

### PICTURE #3: JESUS IN A GARDEN

**Read Mark 14:32-42**

- What sticks out most in your mind from this story?
- Vs. 39 says "He went and prayed the same thing." God's Word talks down on repetitious prayer. Is this repetitious prayer? What does repetitious prayer look like?

### PICTURE #4: JESUS AND A KISS

**Read Mark 14:44**

- What does it look like for us to betray someone? What does betraying God look like?

### PICTURE #5: JESUS AND A POST

**Read Mark 15:15**

NOTE: The Romans took forms of execution and torture and mastered them. The cat of nine tails was an example of



this (nine strips of leather with lead balls imbedded with bone, glass, and metal). They took floggings to a whole new level. Many died from floggings alone. Many accounts tell us that it ripped the flesh off of the body, leaving intestines and organs exposed. If the flogging and it's water and blood loss didn't kill you, the infection that set in after often did.

## MEDITATE ON THIS THOUGHT:

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU  
BEING FLOGGED FOR YOUR  
SIN INSTEAD OF JESUS.



### PRAYER BREAK:

Someone pray a prayer of thanksgiving  
for what Jesus endured for us.

## PICTURE #6: JESUS WITH A CROSS

### Read Mark 15:21

NOTE: Jesus had been carrying the cross on his freshly flogged back.

- How do you think Simeon of Cyrene must have felt carrying the cross? Do you think it changed him?

NOTE: The precious blood of Jesus would have gotten on him.  
WOW!

## PICTURE #7: JESUS AND A HILL

### Read Mark 15:22

- They brought Jesus here to do what?

NOTE: Golgotha was outside the city gates because the Jews wouldn't allow crucifixions inside the gates. Also, Jesus would have passed by this place often.

- Did Jesus really die on the cross? How do we know?
- What facts can you share with someone to let them know that he really died?
- What facts can you share to prove He really came back from the dead?

***STAY TUNED...Easter Sunday is Coming!!***  
*(Pastor Bill will address these questions then!)*

## CLOSING:

What would happen if we began to view all people  
through the cross?

