

SERIES – THE ORIGINAL STORY OF JESUS
The Roller Coaster Ride
Mark 15:1-15

I. The First Palm Sunday

- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt or donkey
- The crowds lined the street
- They were shouting, “Hosanna, blessing on the one who comes in the name of the Lord”
- There was great joy and excitement about Jesus
- There was hope that he would bring about change
- How do you think it made Jesus feel?
 - Undoubtedly happy
 - Feeling loved by the crowd
 - They lifted his spirits

II. The First Good Friday

- Jesus was taken to Pilate to be questioned
- The religious leaders brought accusations against him
- Pilate wanted to release him but the crowd shouted, “Crucify him, crucify him!”
- The Greek word for ‘shouted’ is also used to describe a screeching, loud raven; so loud it hurts your ears
- How do you think it made Jesus feel?
 - It undoubtedly hurt
 - Feeling unjustly accused of something he didn’t do
 - He felt the crowd’s rage and hatred

III. The Roller Coaster Ride

- In less than a week, Jesus experienced great love as well as intense hate
- He felt abandoned by everyone
- His human nature suffered just as we would have in his circumstances

What a comfort it is knowing that Jesus understands what it feels like to experience the emotional roller coaster of life. Stay close to Christ, the One who helps us overcome.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Mark 15:1-15 (New Living Translation)

Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor. ² Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.” ³ Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, ⁴ and Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?” ⁵ But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate’s surprise.

⁶ Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested. ⁷ One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. ⁸ The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual. ⁹ “Would you like me to release to you this ‘King of the Jews’?” Pilate asked. ¹⁰ (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) ¹¹ But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus. ¹² Pilate asked them, “Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?”

¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴ “Why?” Pilate demanded. “What crime has he committed?” But the mob roared even louder, “Crucify him!”

¹⁵ So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.