

“A REAL MAN!”

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Is it possible to really miss the tension, trauma, tragedy, travesty and truth of the events surrounding the cross? The media bombards us with vicious acts and horrendous events that may numb us to the real pain that real people are suffering. We become desensitized to the agony real individuals are really feeling. Sadly, we have even become desensitized to the genuine agony our Savior endured those final hours before His death.

THE HUMANNESS OF JESUS

① His _____.

The most oft-used name for Jesus in Mark is the “Son of _____,” occurring 17 times. Every time it is the title Jesus gives to Himself, clearly denoting His earthly existence.

He is also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth several times, an obvious reference to His earthly home town where He spends the greater part of His life.

② His _____.

The very first test or trial He faces is brought His way by Satan himself in Mark 1. Each of the temptations is an appeal to human emotions, drives and desires.

Repeatedly He is tested through innocent-on-the-surface questions that are given to trap Him in His words.

③ Others’ _____.

Though taught, His disciples have not caught His teachings. In fact, later the one who is created (Peter) rebukes the One who is the Creator.

④ His _____.

Jesus undertakes a spiritual step of obedience through a physical act of baptism and like you, He eats and drinks, sleeps, hungers and seeks out times of solitude. After all, He is human!

⑤ His _____.

His compassion for people is not reserved for their spiritual hunger though. His compassion is moved as He spots their physical hunger

These are _____ emotions from a _____ man – the man of God, Christ Jesus!

CONCLUSION

You simply cannot ignore the _____ side of the God-man Christ Jesus. He is human – perfect human to be sure – where no sin was found! This is the God-man, God and man in the same person, but one _____ not overruling the other. Hence in the Garden of Gethsemane, though He submits His will to the Father’s, Jesus’ sorrow is so great and overwhelming that He cries out like a child to his parent, “Abba father!” At the cross He hangs, a man not immune from pain but instead carrying the burden of the sin of the world on His shoulders. Though the pain is unbearable, we have no account of His striking out or lashing out at His enemies. And for three hours, He bears the brunt of the world’s sin – alone, as the God-man. His cry expresses the profound _____ of His separation from God, the unfathomable _____ of real abandonment by the Father! This is the cross and on it hangs a flesh-and-blood Jesus, a Savior who suffered. This is the Redeemer!