#### The Sacrifice for Sinners Let's Go Mark 15:1-20 4-3-22

# I. Jesus is in Control.

John 10:17 – "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again."

# II. God is Sovereign.

2 Samuel 16:11 – "And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, 'Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the Lord has told him to."

# **III.** We Have Everything in Life we are Supposed to Have.

# **IV.** He was Crushed for our Iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5 – "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

# V. With His Wounds we are Healed.

# VI. You Have not Withheld your Son, your Only Son From Me.

Genesis 22:12 – "He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.""

# **Growing Deeper This Week**

- 1. Read Mark 15:1-20.
- 2. Name some martyrs from history. What did they accomplish by their deaths?
- 3. If Jesus had been primarily interested in avoiding execution, what defense might He have offered before Pilate? Why did He remain silent?
- 4. What were Pilate's concerns regarding Jesus' trial?
- 5. What did the Sanhedrin hope to accomplish at Jesus' trial?
- 6. What role did the Sanhedrin's instigation of the crowds play? Have you ever been in a situation where a group did something the individuals in it later regretted? How did this get started? How could it be avoided?
- 7. "Substitutionary atonement" sounds complicated. How would you explain it to a child? What would you call it?
- 8. Jesus was (1) psychologically ridiculed, (2) physically beaten, (3) spiritually abandoned by God, and (4) mortally executed. How do these torments compare?
- 9. Pray for a person you know that needs Christ. Praise Him for suffering for the sake of your sins.