

**The Cross**  
~Mark 15:21-47~

James Brooks notes: "Unlike some modern sermons, no attempt is made to describe the physical sufferings of Jesus. Far more important for Mark was the significance of those sufferings."<sup>1</sup>

**Three astounding scenes at the cross of Jesus:**

**1. His shameful crucifixion (vv. 21-32)**

Romans 16:13  
John 20:25  
Acts 2:23  
Colossian 2:14  
John 19:31-33  
Deuteronomy 21:23  
Galatians 3:13  
Psalm 22:18  
John 19:14  
Isaiah 53:12  
John 2:19-21

Leon Morris, "They said they would have believed He was the Son of God if He had come down from the cross, we believe He was the Son of God because He stayed up on the cross."

Mark 10:45  
1 Peter 2:21-24

**2. His efficacious death (vv. 33-41)**

Psalm 22:1  
John 19:30  
Mark 1:1  
John 19:25-27  
Luke 8:2  
Rom. 16:6  
Matt. 10:3  
Acts 1:13

**3. His verified burial (vv. 42-47)**

Luke 23:50-51  
Mark 14:64-65  
Isaiah 53:9  
Matthew 12:40; 16:21; 17:23; 20:19  
John 19:38  
1 Peter 3:18  
Romans 5:6-11

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<sup>1</sup> James A. Brooks, [Mark](#), vol. 23, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1991), 255.