The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

Mark 15:16-37

Intro. A. Jesus was put on trial at Jerusalem.

1. He was tried by the Jews.
2. He was tried by the Romans.

B. Jesus was found guilty in Jerusalem.
14:61-64 1. The Jews found Him guilty of blasphemy.
2. The Romans accused Him of claiming to be the King of the Jews. Pilate had found no fault in Him but gave in to the mob-like crowd.

I. Jesus Was Humiliated Before His Crucifixion.

A. They mocked Him as a King.
Vs. 16  1. They led Him away.
Vs. 17 a  2. They clothed Him in purple, a royal color.
Vs. 17 b  3. They put a crown of thorns on His head.
Vs. 18  4. They mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!"
Vs. 19 a  5. They struck Him on the head with a reed.
καλάμος = a plant with jointed hollow stalk growing in wet ground.
Vs. 19 b  6. They spat upon Jesus.
7. They paid false homage
Vs. 19 c  8. They mocked Him, not as God, but King
Vs. 20 a  9. "Mocked" = έμπαισώ = "to ridicule", "deride".
Vs. 20 b  10. They put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

B. Another Man bore His Cross.
Vs. 21  1. "Compel" = αὐταπεψεω = "to press into service."
2. This man was from another country.
3. He must bear His cross.
Vs. 22  4. They brought Him to Golgotha.

13. This is not dispensational, it is the way all men are saved, from Adam till now.

IV. Jesus And His Dying Hour.

A. The sun refused to shine.
   Vs.33  1. There were 3 hours of darkness.
   2. It seems that nature rebels at such a scene. The sun would not illumine such a repulsive act. Let it be bathed in darkness!

B. Jesus put voice to His spiritual pain.
   Vs.34  1. "forsaken" = ἐκπάθητον = to leave behind in any place or state, esp of persons dying or going into a far country, to abandon.
   2. No one really knows what this means. It has to do with His tasting death for every man.

C. Some misunderstood His words.
   Vs.35  1. "Behold he calleth Elias".
   Vs.36  2. One man was curious. "vinegar" = A very cheap and common wine. The lowest inequality. "let us see". He had no faith to believe, and no heart to deny.

D. The death of Jesus Christ.
   11. "He cried aloud." = κράτην = used of inarticulate cries from fear or pain.
   3. Luke 23:46 "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit". "to put or place near anyone as food or a teacher." ἄναπτομαι. 
   John 19:30 "It is finished" = ἔτελεν = to complete, perfect