

**Gospel of Mark**  
**Explaining Christianity**  
Bible Study Outline

Goal: To communicate the true meaning of Christianity by looking into the original sources to see what they have to say about the life, teachings, and claims of Christ.

- Week 1:**     **Jesus, Son of God** (Mark 1-5)
- Week 2:**     **The Crucifixion** (Mark 15)
- Week 3:**     **The Resurrection** (Mark 16:1-8; Acts 10:39-43; Mark 8)
- Week 4:**     **Salvation by Grace, Not Works** (Mark 7:20-23; Eph 2:8-9)
- Week 5:**     **What is a Christian? Repentance** (Mark 1:15, 8:34-38, 9:43-48)
- Week 6:**     **What is a Christian? Faith** (Mark 5:25-34, 10:13-16; John 5:24)

*Core Seminars—Explaining Christianity*  
**Class 2: Jesus' Death on the Cross**



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**Introduction/Review**

**Definition: Sin**

**Definition: Crucifixion**

## The Significance of the Cross – Why did Jesus Die?

### 1. Hours before Christ's Death (Mark 15:16-33)

### 2. Christ's Cry and Death (Mark 15:34-37)

Book illustration...

### 3. Immediately after Christ's Death (Mark 15:38-39)

### 4. Impact of Christ's Sacrifice (Mark 10:42-45)

### 5. Purposefulness of Christ's Sacrifice (Mark 8, 9, 10)

#### Summary

*Three Pillars:* the first, Jesus, the Son of God. The second pillar is the crucifixion.

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*Next week?* Read Mark Chapters 6-10

#### **Resources**

Greg Gilbert, *What is the Gospel?*, Chapter 4, "Jesus Christ the Savior"

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 7, "The Death of Christ"

John Stott, *Basic Christianity*, Chapter 8, "The Salvation of Christ"

#### **Additional Resources:**

Packer, Dever, *In My Place Condemned He Stood*

Jeffrey et al, *Pierced for Our Transgressions*

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

Michael Lawrence, *It is Well: Expositions on Substitutionary Atonement*