

MARK'S OPEN SECRET: *Surely* . . . (Mark 15:21-39)

- i. Who is Jesus according to the general population?
- ii. We have spent significant time trying to listen to how Mark answers this question.
- iii. What have we learned about Jesus from Mark in this gospel?
- iv. This Markan question is asked of us and our community and all generations.
- v. What difference has your answer to the question “Who is Jesus?” made to the Church? In the life of the PPC? In your life?

SURELY, THERE ARE FOUR TRUTHS WE ALL NEED TO KNOW, LOVE AND LIVE ...

I. GOD KNOWS US.

- a. No one is invisible.
- b. God walks with us in pain, disappointments, failure, success, and joys of life, etc.

II. GOD LOVES US.

- a. God meets us in the lowest places and carries us onward.
- b. She seems to know that God loves her, even likes her.

III. GOD DIED FOR US.

- a. Vulnerability doesn't come easily. But when it comes it brings new life.
- b. Pain unlocks perspective.
- c. *Peace of mind comes not from building on the future but from resting in 'the holy Present.'* George MacDonald

IV. GOD WANTS US.

- a. It's not about you, it's about US.
- b. “All you have to decide is what to do with the time that is given you.” JRR Tolkien.
- c. *Existence is a strange bargain. Life owes us little; we owe it everything. The only true joy comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose.* William Cowper
- d. A brief reading from C.S. Lewis Chronicles of Narnia ...

Conclusion: Marks ultimate question, who is Jesus? Is answered in 15:39, “Surely, this man was the son of God.”

A resent and a call: We have spent three years hitting the reset button, because God's glory demands it and our culture is yearning for it. Let's hit the Refresh button together as a missional outpost known as PPC.

1. If you will surrender to these four truths for the first time, will you please stand?
2. If you would recommit to these truths will you please stand?