

Passage: Mark 15:1-15

Title: The value of “silence”

Intro.

How do we normally respond, when we are treated unfairly or witness injustice in society? The temptation is that, we often use it as an excuse to repay evil for evil. Yet through today’s passage, we witness Jesus’ suffering from great injustice during the process of trial, and his way of response leaves a great example for us to follow.

1. The unfair trial.

- a. Jesus stands before Pilate

Pilate convinced of Jesus’ innocence (v.10)

Yet, the guilty is set free and the innocent is put to death.

2. Jesus’ response

- a. Jesus’ silent response (v5)
- b. The purpose of this response.

3. What we can learn from Jesus’ response.

- a. The virtue and value of silence
 - i. It is one of the ways to imitate Christ.
 - ii. According to 1 Peter 2:20-23, silence and not repaying evil for evil is an active act of trusting God who judges justly.