

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark
 Sermon Title: The Crucifixion of Our Lord
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Conclusion: say not what they are doing to him but what he is doing to them!

Emphasized by the royal/king motif in 15:2, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19 26, 32. Also, the crucifixion ends with the solid declaration of Jesus as the Son of God, v. 39, Mark's emphatic, consistent ontological designation of Christ – 1:1, 11; 3:11; 5:7; 9:7; 14:61; 15:39 – describing his divinity. **Maybe a coronation on the cross?!**

Yet, he is also the divine Suffering Messiah, 10:45; etc. We must hold together and cherish the categories of Divine King and Suffering Servant. His death brings lives to his people.