

# *Binding the Hands of Jesus*

**TEXT: Mark 15:1**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. THE ENEMIES OF JESUS BOUND HIM TO SEND HIM TO PILATE.
- B. OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH INDIGNATION.
- C. DO WE BIND THE HANDS OF JESUS?

### **I. BY REFUSING TO OBEY THE GOSPEL.**

- A. IN HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS.
  - 1. The desire of the Father and the Son( **1 Tim. 2:3-5; 1 Pet. 2:24** ).
  - 2. His tender invitation is still being offered today( **Matt. 11:28-30** ).
- B. WHEN ONE REFUSES TO OBEY THE HANDS OF JESUS ARE BOUND!
- C. IS THIS TRUE OF YOU?
  - 1. Jesus is the author of salvation for whom?( **Heb. 5:8-9** ).
  - 2. The importance of obedience to you( **2 Thess. 1:7-9** ).

### **II. BY REFUSING TO BE TRANSFORMED.**

- A. CHRIST'S WILL IS THAT WE BE TRANSFORMED.
  - 1. This involves renewal of the mind( **Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:20-24** ).
  - 2. This occurs as we study and learn the Word( **1 Pet. 1:23-2:2; Phil. 4:8** )
- B. THE POWER OF THE WORD.
  - 1. **Jas. 1:21b**. Receiving the word is salvation.
  - 2. It is the mind of God( **1 Cor. 2:16** ).
  - 3. It is instruction in salvation( **Titus 2:11-12; 2 Tim. 3:14-17** ).
  - 4. God's wisdom as opposed to man's( **1 Cor. 1:23-24** ).
- C. DO WE BIND THE HANDS OF JESUS?
  - 1. By putting other things first( **1 Tim. 4:13-14** ).
  - 2. If we walk in our own wisdom( **Eph. 4:17-20** ).
  - 3. If we fail to make application of the word to ourselves( **Eph. 4:20-24** ).

### **III. BY REFUSING TO PRAY.**

- A. JESUS HAS BECOME OUR "HIGH PRIEST"( **Heb. 2:17-18** ).
  - 1. Making it possible for us to boldly approach God's throne( **Heb. 4:14-16** ).
  - 2. As our high priest:
    - a. He is able to save those who come to God through Him( **Heb. 7:25** ).
    - b. He "ever lives" to make intercession for us( **Heb. 7:25** ).
- B. WHEN WE DON'T PRAY JESUS' WORK AS A PRIEST IS LIMITED.

### **IV. BY REFUSING TO DO OUR PART IN THE CHURCH.**

- A. THE CHURCH IS DESCRIBED AS THE "BODY OF CHRIST"( **Eph. 1:22-23** ).
  - 1. As His body, we are individually members of one another( **1 Cor. 12:27** ).
  - 2. As members of one another, we are to care for one another( **Eph. 4:15-16** ).
- B. BUT WHEN WE FAIL TO DO OUR SHARE, AGAIN JESUS IS "BOUND"!
  - 1. Our physical head can do little if our members fail to follow its leading!
  - 2. Jesus could do more for us, if only we did our part!
  - 3. By failing to do our part, we "handicap" the body of Christ?

- a. Either the whole body of Christ suffers...
- b. Or others are forced to do "double duty" in order to make up for us.

## **V. BY REFUSING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE LOST.**

- A. CHRISTIANS ARE HIS "HANDS" IN TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST.
  1. The Great Commission( **Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16** ).
  2. In every conversion in Acts, Jesus used a disciple to tell the good news.
  3. God's plan( **2 Tim. 2:2** ).
- B. ARE WE "BINDING THE HANDS OF JESUS" IN THIS?
  1. The abundant work( **Matt. 9:36-38; James 5:19** ).
  2. Are we too busy to do it?( **2 Tim. 2:3-4** ).
  3. "You never mentioned him to me."( **Ezek. 33:7-9** ).

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. OUR BINDING OF JESUS' HANDS HAS GREATER EFFECT( **Mark 15:1** ).
- B. WHY NOT RESOLVE TO "LOOSE THE HANDS OF JESUS."
  1. To **SAVE** us!
  2. To **TRANSFORM** us!
  3. To **USE** us!