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*Mark 15:1-15; Mark 14:48-50*

1. Abandoned.

2. Falsely accused.

*Mark 14:60-62a; Mark 15:2-5; Mark 15:12-15*

3. Brutally abused.

*John 19:1-11; John 19:14-17*

4. Unjustly condemned.

*Isaiah 53:3-8a*

Because he was abandoned, God is with us.

Because he was falsely accused, God defends us.

Because he was brutally abused, God heals us.

Because he was unjustly condemned, God forgives us.

*Mark 8:34; John 3:16; Galatians 2:20*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Consider:

The trial represents the moment that Jesus was unjustly condemned so that we could be ultimately forgiven.

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ When you see some kind of injustice, do you lean more toward anger, sadness, or some other emotion?
- ▶ Read Mark 14:48—50. Where could the disciples have went? What might they have been thinking when Jesus was arrested?
- ▶ Read Mark 15: 1—5.
  - What are some alternative ways Jesus could have reacted?
  - What kept him from responding in a different way?
  - What can we learn from Jesus’ silence and response?
- ▶ Which line does the world need most in this season?
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  - Because he was falsely accused, God defends us.
  - Because he was brutally abused, God heals us.
  - Because he was unjustly condemned, God forgives us.

### Commit:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Read Isaiah 53:3-8. Which part of what Jesus went through amazes you most at this time in your life?

Take a moment and thank God for the amazing plan of salvation.

### Care:

*Thank God for the highs mentioned earlier and remember the lows in prayer.*

Pray for Easter Sunday, that many pre-believers would join in a church celebration, in person or online, and enter into a relationship with Jesus.