

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 15 1-15



How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up for those who fear you;
which you have prepared in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.
Psalm 31:19

Praising:

And yet I know that it is true;
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned
and died,
for love of those who loved him
not.

Reading:

Mark 15:1-15
Jesus before Pilate

At some stage or other, most of us have been given a nickname or perhaps some phrase or title has been coined for us. However silly or strange, however inaccurate or inappropriate, that name will have stuck, at least for a while, and we'll have had to like it or lump it. 'King of the Jews' was only one of many descriptions Christ had absolutely no control over. Everywhere he went Jesus attracted attention,

opinion and interpretation, as people drew their own conclusions about who he was and what he had come to do. Pilate needed to do what we all need to do and that's to think past our own and other people's assumptions. Some of the things said and thought about Jesus simply didn't fit with what Jesus said and thought about himself. Was he really a king?

Listening:

Praying:

Lord give us patience and wisdom

- to look, listen and think and so discover Christ first hand rather than second or third
- to refute the misunderstandings and misapprehensions about Christ all around us
- to respond with gentleness and grace when we are misrepresented by others

Father: give me opportunities to set the record about Christ straight, and give me love for those who still don't seem to get it or don't want to even try. Amen

Doing: