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Investigation

Read Mark 15:1-41.

1. The phrase "King of the Jews" is used five times in these verses (15:2, 9, 12, 18, 26) and "King of Israel" is used once (15:32). What was Mark trying to emphasize by repeating these phrases?
2. If Pilate knew that the chief priests had delivered up Jesus "out of envy" (15:10) and that Jesus had done no evil (10:14), why did he still decide to crucify him?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
4. Verses 38-39 describe two things that happened after Jesus' died: the temple curtain was torn in two and the centurion became convinced that Jesus was the Son of God. Why did Mark include these two things?

