

MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Mark 15:39

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Christ Calls to Calvary - the Confessing

- Pastor at deathbed

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1. The Unique Confessor (Officiate) at Jesus' Death

- **And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said....**
- Centurion's background
- Centurion's relationship with Jesus

2. The (Funeral) Confession

- Precise and to the point
 - **The centurion..., heard his cry and saw how he died, said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"**

- **The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”** Luke 23:47
- Based on what he saw and heard
 - Sign above Jesus’ head
 - Jeering opponents
 - “Father forgive them”
 - “I tell you the truth, today”
 - Darkness
 - “My God, My God”
 - “It is finished....”
 - “Father, into your hands”
 - When Jesus cried out in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
 - Earthquake
- Heard his cry and saw how he died
 - The Centurion
 - "Surely this man was the Son of God!"
 - “Surely this was a righteous man.”
 - You and me as Confessors (Officiates)