**Series Slide**

I’m sure most of you have seen the Christmas movie “Home Alone”, and therefore are well-acquainted with the line “Keep the change ya filthy animal!”

* Anybody remember the name of the movie that Kevin watches when his parents aren’t home that made that line famous?
* ***“Angels with Filthy Souls”.***
* Well, that fake movie is based on an actual movie from 1938 titled “Angels with Dirty Faces”. It's a classic Hollywood Golden Age ganster movie starring James Cagney, Pat O’Brien and Humphrey Bogart.
* Here’s how the plot goes.
* Rocky Sullivan and his friend Jerry were teenagers in Hell’s Kitchen, NYC. They steal some stuff and are chased by the cops who run down Rocky, but can’t catch Jerry- he gets away.
* And from there, Rocky and Jerry grow up to be 2 very different men.
* Rocky goes to juvy and ends up influenced by the kids there, committing himself to a life of theft, murder, and drug running. In fact, he becomes a notorius gangster.
* Jerry, turns his life around and becomes Father Jerry, a priest who sees the corruption in his neighborhood and commits his life to the teenage boys there…trying to keep them off the streets and out of trouble.
* There’s a gang of boys there that Father Jerry works with called “The Dead End Kids”. That name describes their future. Dead end. Because of their poverty, the only escape they see from their neighborhood is a life a crime. Of course, their hero is the notorious gangster, Rocky Sullivan.
* Even though their lives are completely different, Rocky and Father Jerry remain good friends. So when Rocky comes to Father Jerry needing a place to lay low for a few months, Father Jerry allows him to stay in a room at the church.
* As Rocky sees what Father Jerry is trying to do with the boys, he actually becomes sympathetic to the cause. So he gives Father Jerry $10k so he can build a youth center in Hell’s Kitchen.
* But Father Jerry won’t take the money. Because he knows it was stolen. Well, Rocky gets upset that Father Jerry won’t let him help the kids.
* So he reminds him to follow his life’s motto. “Don’t be a sucker!”
* Here’s what Father Jerry says back to him.
* **“All right, Rocky, supposin' I take the money... and I kid myself that it's a means to an end - well it isn't. It never will be. Inside the center my boys would be clean... and outside they'd be surrounded by the same rotten corruption and crime and criminals. Yes, yourself included. Criminals on all sides for my boys to look up to and revere... and respect and admire and imitate. What earthly good is it for me to teach that honesty is the best policy when all around they see that dishonesty is a better policy? That the hoodlum and the gangster is looked up to with the same respect as the successful businessman or the popular hero? You and the Fraziers and the Keefers and all the rest of those rotten politicians you've got in the palm of your hand. Yes, and you've got my boys, too. Whatever I teach them, you... you show me up. You show them the easiest way - the quickest way is with a racket or a gun.”**
* The more Rocky hangs around the Dead End Kids, the more he likes them…and the more they look up to him… begin to follow his patterns of crime.
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* Eventually, Rocky sees how much he’s affecting the boys negatively, but since he can’t make a difference with his money, because its dirty…and he can’t make a difference with the way he lives, because he only knows corruption…
* He has one last opportunity to change them… with the way he dies.
* The police eventually corner him in a heist, and he’s arrested, convicted and sentenced to die in the electric chair.
* Father Jerry comes to him just before he’s escorted to the chair to ask him one last favor.
* He asks Rocky to “Die Yellow”. In other words, as he goes to the electric chair, he wants Rocky to unravel his image as powerful, tough, successful man. He wants Rocky to die a shameful, cowardly death so the Dead End Kids won’t look up to his lifestyle. So that as they hear about his shameful death, they’ll choose a different path for their lives.
* Of course, that means a sacrifice for Rocky. It means his legacy will be tarnished. He’ll forever be known as a weak coward, instead of a notorious tough guy. He’ll be no one’s hero. He’ll be a joke. A laughing stock. He’ll have to violate his life motto.
* He’ll have to be a sucker.
* So Rocky refuses. He says, “I’ll never die like that.”…and when they bring him out of his cell to walk the Green Mile, he punches one of the guards in the face and receives cheers from the other prisoners.
* But as Father Jerry prays for him when they take Rocky into the execution room… Rocky starts to sob…and scream.
* “Please don’t kill me! Please don’t let me burn in hell! I don’t wanna die!” And he grabs hold of the wall, and the floor and has to be restrained.
* Then the lights flash. And Rocky is dead.
* In the last scene, Father Jerry walks into the house where the Dead End Kids are reading a newspaper whose headline reads, “ROCKY DIES YELLOW; KILLER COWARD AT THE END!”
* **Title Slide: “Dead End Kids: How Jesus Embraced Shame So You Could Let Go of Yours”- Mark 15:16-32**
* We’re nearing the end of the Gospel of Mark, and Jesus has been tried and convicted to execution on a Roman cross.

What we’re about to read today, is not easy. It's a hero…who, in the eyes of many people at the time, was “dying yellow”… “a coward at the end.”

Its Jesus, the Word made Flesh, dying in shame.

* Today, I want us to see why. I want us, the church, to identify as the Dead End Kids…and understand why Christ died a criminal’s death, exchanged for Barabbas the gangster… and crucified between 2 thieves. Why did he have to die in shame?

**Mark 15:16-32 (CSB)**

* **The**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf17)**soldiers led him away into the palace (that is, the governor’s residence**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf18)**) and called the whole company together. 17 They dressed him in a purple**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf19)**robe, twisted together a crown**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf20)**of thorns, and put it on him. 18 And they began to salute him, “Hail,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf21)**King**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf22)**of the Jews! ” 19 They were hitting him on the head with a stick and spitting on him. Getting down on their knees,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf23)**they were paying him homage. 20 After they had mocked**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf24)**him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his clothes on him.**
* **They led him out to crucify him. 21 They**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf25)**forced a man coming in from the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus’s cross.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf26)**He was Simon of Cyrene,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf27)**the father of Alexander and Rufus.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf28)
* **22  They**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf29)**brought Jesus to the place called *Golgotha* (which means Place of the Skull**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf30)**). 23 They tried to give him wine**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf31)**mixed with myrrh,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf32)**but he did not take it.**
* **24 Then they crucified him and divided his clothes, casting lots**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf33)**for them to decide what each would get. 25 Now it was nine in the morning**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn1)**when they crucified him. 26 The inscription of the charge written against him was: The King**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf34)**of the Jews.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf35)**27 They**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf36)**crucified two criminals**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn2)[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf37)**with him, one on his right and one on his left.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn3)
* **29 Those**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf38)**who passed by were yelling insults**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf39)**at**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn4)**him, shaking their heads,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf40)**and saying, “Ha! The one who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf41)**30 save yourself by coming down from the cross! ”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf42)**31 In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf43)**were mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! 32 Let the Messiah,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf44)**the King**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf45)**of Israel,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf46)**come down now from the cross,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf47)**so that we may see and believe.”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf48)**Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.**

**Transition**: Rocky Sullivan purposely died in shame to secure a future for the Dead End Kids. That’s exactly what Jesus is doing. For a different gang of Dead End Kids. You…Me…Us.

Here’s what Jesus’ shame on the cross does.

**1) Jesus exposed himself to cover us.**

* + There is a common theme among all the folks that mock Jesus on the cross.
  + They are all people that make a very understandable…but very wrong assumption.
  + They assume that power always saves itself.
  + They assume that power always self-protects.
  + They assume that power always bails itself out.
  + And I suppose, that could be true…until you see a power that is driven by…motivated by…Love.
  + There are some very powerful people that mock Jesus.
  + **V16**
  + Roman soldiers daily witness and participated in violence. Crucifixion was a common practice at the time. So these soldiers who work for a King…Casesar…and are constantly using their power (and Casesar’s power) to execute criminals. There’s no question to them that power always protects itself.
  + That’s why they are mocking and killing this self-proclaimed King. Because Rome doesn’t want to deal with the possibility of a Jewish revolt. They don’t want someone to overpower them. So they need to show what happens to people who challenge Caesar’s power. They need people to see that any king other than Caesar is weak and only worthy to be mocked and made fun of. Any claims to kingship outside of Caesar are ridiculous.
  + **V 31**
  + Speaking of Jewish revolt, that’s exactly why the religious leaders call for Jesus’ crucifixion. Because they wanted a real military King who would ride into Jerusalem on a war horse, ready to lead them to overpower Rome. Instead, they got this donkey riding do-gooder who does nothing but make blasphemous religious claims. He’s weak. He doesn’t have the power they seek, so they over power him. They arrest him and demand his crucifixion.
  + **V 27 & 32b (start at “Even those”)**
  + Even the two thieves. They have found themselves in weak positions…not having enough to eat or spend or wear. So they overpowered others….using either their superior strength or intellect to take from people who were not as strong or savvy. They overpowered to protect themselves.
  + **v 29-30**
  + Just listen to the reasoning of the common passer-bys, which I’m sure reflected the cultural narrative of their day…and ours.
  + They go back to Jesus’ claim to tear down the temple and rebuild it.
  + And they laugh at him.
  + Ha! If you were powerful enough to rebuild the temple by yourself, surely you are powerful enough to save yourself. But the thing is, you’re not. You're weak. You talk a big game, but now…you’ve been exposed.
  + **V 31-32**
  + Again- they say “If you are powerful enough to save others…it makes no sense that you don’t also save yourself. Why would you die like this?
  + If you want us to believe you, show us your power! Come down from the cross!
  + But he doesn’t. He takes the abuse. He takes the shame.
  + In fact, he is completely exposed.
  + **V 24**
  + Literally stripped naked where everyone can see.
  + Here’s why this is important.
  + Remember when the LAST sentence of Gen 2
  + **Gen 2:25**
  + The last verse of perfection in the Bible before temptation and sin ruin everything.
  + The man and his wife, in God’s perfect garden, completely covered in God’s love and acceptance…were totally naked…and NOT ASHAMED.
  + They were completely exposed, but their was no fear of mocking, or derision, or sarcasm…there was no shaming…because in that garden there weren’t people trying to overpower one another.
  + There wasn’t Adam trying to prove to Eve that she needed to listen to him and do what he said.
  + There wasn’t Eve trying to manipulate Adam and get him to serve her.
  + There wasn’t God flexing his muscles and telling Adam and Eve they better not tick him off.
  + There was only love…trust…and therefore, being exposed wasn’t shameful…rather, it was a reminder that they were safe…covered by the love of God.
  + Its like marriage now. When a husband and wife are naked in front of each other, there is supposed to be no shame. Sex is not a statement about superficial beauty…it's about deep trust and love where a husband and wife, bound in a promise to one another know that I can be completely honest, completely exposed in front of you…and at the same time, experience a deep bond…deep, unconditional love.
* **Back to 1)**
  + But when Jesus is exposed on the cross, he’s hurt. He’s mocked. It is the most unsafe place in the universe. Exposed in front of the world. But not accepted by them, rejected, made fun of, spit on.
  + Listen, it wasn’t the pain of the cross that Jesus prayed for a way out of in the garden.
  + Hebrews 12 says it was the SHAME that he despised.
  + The gospel writers don’t talk about the gory physical details of the resurrection. But they speak in detail of the mocking and shaming.
  + Do you know the reason why?
  + The reason why Jesus was shamed on the cross?
  + Its because in the garden, after that verse in Gen 2, Gen 3 begins.
  + And the man and the woman were tempted.
  + They were told that God was trying to dominate them.
  + That God was lying to them to keep them from being powerful like he is.
  + And so, the man and the woman believed the lie, disobeyed God’s good command....
  + **Gen 3:7**
  + …and from that point on, they became aware of their nakedness, their exposure in a new way. They were afraid. So they covered themselves. They hid from God and each other, because they believed what everyone who mocked Jesus believed…that everyone is out for themselves. That no one can be trusted. That they have to self protect…cover up…or they will be killed.
  + At that point, the human race became “Dead End Kids”.
  + A people with no future…only a power struggle…then death.
* **Back to 1)**
  + When Jesus died a shameful death on the cross, it wasn’t just his death that counted. He had to be shamed. See, the jeers, the mocking, the sarcasm…the exposure.
  + He was absorbing it for us.
  + Just like when Rocky Sullivan realized that it wasn’t his power, it wasn’t his tommy gun, or his money that would keep thost Dead End Kids out of prison and death row. Rather, it was only his shameful death that would change their futures. So he embraced it.
  + Rocky died in shame, so the Dead End Kids would not.
  + Jesus exposed himself, so we would return to the garden…so we could know what it means to be fully known and completely accepted by God.
* **Transition:** But his shameful death is not just an example, like Rocky’s death was just an example to the Dead End Kids. No the shameful death of Christ was leading to a resurrection…where, ironically, Jesus would become all the things that they mocked him for.
* **2) Jesus’ shame was temporary. His honor is eternal.**
  + There are 2 big differences between the way Rocky Sullivan died and the way Jesus Christ died.
  + One, is Rocky was going to an execution he deserved. Rocky was guilty.
  + Jesus was not. He was innocent.
  + The other difference is that once Rocky was dead, the only person who knew the honor in the way Rocky died was his friend, Father Jerry. The whole world, would only ever know Rocky Sullivan as an evil gangster who who died yellow. A coward.
  + In fact, Rocky argues that his notorious reputation as a fearless gangster is all he has left. If he gives that up, he has nothing. No one will know the truth. No one will respect him anymore.
  + But, Jesus is different. Because Rocky Sullivan couldn’t resurrect.
  + Rocky Sullivan couldn’t be vindicated…because he was guilty.
  + But Jesus, the innocent, the perfect, would not stay a shamed failure. He would resurrect into honor, completely vindicated.
  + Take a look at **Psalm 2.**
  + This is a description of the Son of God receiving his crown as King
  + 1 **Why**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf1)**do the nations rage**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf2)
  + **and the peoples plot in vain?**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf3)
  + **2 The kings of the earth take their stand,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf4)
  + **and the rulers conspire together**
  + **against the Lord and his Anointed One:**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn1)[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf5)
  + **3 “Let’s tear off their chains**
  + **and throw their ropes off of us.”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf6)
  + **4 The one enthroned**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn2)**in heaven laughs;**
  + **the Lord ridicules them.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf7)
  + **5 Then he speaks to them in his anger**
  + **and terrifies them in his wrath:**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf8)
  + **6 “I have installed my king**
  + **on Zion, my holy mountain.”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf9)
  + **7 I will declare the Lord’s decree.**
  + **He said to me, “You are my Son;**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn3)
  + **today I have become your Father.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf10)
  + **8 Ask of me,**
  + **and I will make the nations your inheritance**
  + **and the ends of the earth your possession.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf11)
  + **9 You will break them with an iron scepter;**
  + **you will shatter them like pottery.”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf12)
  + **10 So now, kings, be wise;**
  + **receive instruction, you judges of the earth.**
  + **11 Serve the Lord with reverential awe**
  + **and rejoice with trembling.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf13)
  + **12 Pay homage to**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn4)**the Son or he will be angry**
  + **and you will perish in your rebellion,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#fn5)[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf14)
  + **for his anger may ignite at any moment.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf15)
  + **All who take refuge in him are happy.**
  + All the laughing all the mocking is turned back on anyone who mocks Jesus. Heaven laughs. The one you said was joke as King, is now king of the universe. You mockingly gave homage to him, but now every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.
  + How do you avoid that? You have to take refuge in the Son.
  + What does it mean to take refuge in the son?
  + Well refuge is a safe place. It's a hiding spot.
  + Remember in the garden when Adam and Eve sinned?
  + They went and found a hiding spot in the bushes…away from God.
  + When Jesus died on the cross, he was opening up a way for you to come out of the bushes…and into God’s love.
  + So that when Christ returns to judge the living and the dead…you won’t be ashamed…you won’t be a dead end kid…instead, you’ll be what the apostle Paul calls “Hidden in Christ”.
  + That simply means that you are safe with God. You aren’t his enemy. You won’t be put to shame. You will move from being a Dead End Kid…to a child of the King.
  + Look at **Col 2:13-15**
  + Paul writes that when you trust Christ, when your faith is in him, Though you were a dead end kid in your sin, you are forgiven. When Jesus died a shameful death, He erased the debt you owed to God. And though it looked like death would have the final word, on the cross, Jesus would leave his shame…and your shame there.
  + And in an act that looked powerless and weak…actually…Jesus was shaming all those who would bring a charge against you. All those would say, “Look at her. Look at what she’s done. Look at that hypocrite. Look at that sinner. Look at the mocker.”
  + You know, all the voices you hear in your head on a daily basis. The voice of Satan. The voice that defines you as a bad person…the voice that says you will die in shame…that you are worthless…THAT IS THE VOICE THAT JESUS LEFT NAILED TO A CROSS.
  + THOSE VOICES BELONG TO THE DEMONS WHO WILL BOW AT THE FEET OF THE RISEN KING AND PAY HOMAGE TO THE SON IN WHOM YOU ARE HIDDEN!
  + IN JESUS, THEY CAN’T GET TO YOU ANYMORE!
  + Because you are washed clean. Forgiven. Triumphant! They will be shamed and we will be hidden in Christ.
* **Back to 2)**
  + So here’s the question? Where do you find yourself today?
  + You know, there are other ways to mock Christ.
  + For example, to make claims that you believe he has died for your sin, that he has paid the price for it…and then, to jump back into the bushes and cover it up.
  + To not confess it.
  + If you aren’t using Jesus’ death…his public shaming of those condemning voices to cover your sin…but are using your gregarious personality…or your isolation…or your generosity…or your job….or your act as a good husband or father…if that is what you are relying on to cover up your sin…you stand with the thieves and Roman soldiers and chief priests and scribes…and with your unwillingness to confess your sin to God and others…
  + …you mock Jesus.
  + So let me give you a step today.
  + Instead of fearing the consequences of your sin…and sin does have consequences.
  + Paul himself says in Galatians “God is not mocked..you reap what you sow.”
  + But, those consequences, just like Jesus’ shame…are all temporary.
  + On the cross, Jesus took away your condemnation. Which means you don’t have to be afraid anymore. You can confess your sin to God and to others…you can open up, expose yourself…you can tell others in the church about the sin in your life that you hate, that you know is killing you…you can stop self-protecting…and confess.
  + Listen to the way John, who sat at the foot of the cross and watched the shaming of his herol.
  + **1 John 1:5-10**
  + **This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf8)**and there is absolutely no darkness in him.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf9)**6 If we say, “We have fellowship**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf10)**with him,” and yet we walk in darkness,**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf11)**we are lying and are not practicing the truth.**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf12)**7 If we walk in the light**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf13)**as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf14)**his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say, “We have no sin,”**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf15)**we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf16)**us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word**[**†**](https://api.mywsb.com/api/epublican/repo/csb-temp/epub-resource/5357D7AF-42BF-4678-B492-D18D647A5863/OEBPS/#xrf17)**is not in us**
  + Confess your sin. Live in open unashamed fellowship with the church and with God…and when you confess…you can know, because you’ve seen how much he loves you on the cross…you can know that he is faithful to forgive and cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

TRANSITION: And that leaves us with this final question.

**3) Now that you have his name, why are youstill afraid of shame?**

* + Being hidden in Christ, taking refuge in him, means that all of us Dead End Kids now get Jesus’ name.
  + We take on his identity.
  + That’s what baptism shows. That are old selves are buried, just like Jesus was buried after his shameful death.
  + And our new selves…hidden in Christ…are raised to newness of life..and now we become his ambassadors.
  + Did you see this guy, Simon of Cyrene?
  + **V 21**
  + At one point, Jesus is too weak to carry his cross up Golgotha. So the soldiers use their power to grab Simon from crowd and force him to carry it.
  + And do you know why Mark says, “he was the father of Alexander and Rufus?”
  + Its because Alexander and Rufus are still alive at the time Mark writes.
  + In other words, this is an invitation for anyone who reads Mark’s gospel to hunt down Alexander and Rufus and say, “Hey, did it really happen like Mark says. Your dad was there? Did Jesus die like this? Did the sky go black? Did the veil rip? Was there an earthquake? Did they bury him? Was the tomb empty? DO WE HAVE HOPE?”
  + See, while we don’t have to bear the shame of our sin anymore, Jesus has told us to carry a cross. Jesus in his resurrection and ascencion said, “not only are you in hidden in me.”
* **Acts 1:8**
  + But I am hidden in you.
  + I’m giving you my Holy Spirit, I’m giving you the power I have. To be shamed. To be mocked. To love so much, you’ll make yourself weak to bear witness to what I’ve done to you.
  + But don’t be fooled. I’m coming back. And there will be no shame, no pain, no hurt for which you won’t be vindicated. You will be paid back 100 fold.
  + Now, through the Holy Spirit, I’m hidden in you.
  + So, like Simon of Cyrene, like Alexander and Rufus…like the apostles at Pentecost…and the church that resulted.
  + Go be my witnesses.
  + Don’t be ashamed of me.
  + Now that you have my name. Now that you know you can’t lose my love…Go. Make Disciples.
* **Back to 3)**
  + At the end of “Angels with Dirty Faces”, when Father Jerry is trying to talk Rocky into shaming himself in his death to save the Dead End Kids,
  + Rocky says back “What’s the matter with you Jerry? Are you crazy. My reputation is all I have left. I’m not gonna die a yellow coward.
  + And Father Jerry says to him, “This is **a different kind of courage**, Rocky. The kind that's well, that's born in heaven. Not the courage of heroics or bravado.
  + The kind that you and I and God know about.
  + Indeed. The courage to be a witness for Christ. To take his love to the world is only born in heaven. Seen on a cross. Vindicated in an empty tomb. And then given freely to the Dead End Kids…to give to the world.
  + And one day, the whole world will know. That Jesus is king.
  + The question is, are you ashamed to start giving that message out now?
  + Who is God calling you, in this Easter season, to deliver the message of good news to?
  + Who is God calling you to walk with, like Father Jerry walked with those dead end kids.
  + Its painful. Its hard to carry a cross…but in light of what Christ did for us…it's the only reasonable way to respond.
* **LORDS SUPPER**
  + Reminder of the shame…but even more importantly, a reminder of our future with the vindicated king.