



“The Suffering Savior”

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | Text: Matthew 27:27-44

I. The Savior is mocked

Matthew 27:27-31 - Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

II. The Savior fulfills Scripture (Ps. 69:21; Ps. 22:18; Isa. 53:12)

Matthew 27:32-38 - Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. ³³ And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”

³⁶ Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. ³⁷ And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

III. The Savior’s strength

Matthew 27:39-44 - And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, ⁴² “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. ⁴³ He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”

⁴⁴ Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 27:45-56

Today’s Key Insight! If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say? In a sentence or two, write down here what you would say:

Discussion Questions: What physical and mental abuse of Jesus is mentioned in this passage? Does this passage reveal more about Jesus’ physical pain or his spiritual anguish? Why? Why does Matthew give so much attention to Jesus fulfilling Old Testament prophecies? What “crime” did Jesus commit according to his accusation? Would the bystanders have believed Jesus was the Son of God he would have come down from the cross? Explain. What are some of the ironies mentioned in this passage? How does Jesus’ crucifixion demonstrate the love of God and the power of Christ?

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