



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 27:27-44
Title: THE CROSS (Part 1)
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Discussion Starter: Why do you think God chose the cross and crucifixion as the means by which Christ would be killed?

Jesus is Mocked – (Matthew 27:27-31)

- Jesus was being condemned as “The King of the Jews. What are some of the other things the garrison did to Jesus to mock Him as a king? Why do you think God allowed Jesus to be mocked in this way?
- What is the significance of the scarlet robe that was placed on Jesus and what did it represent? Read John 19:1-5 and Mark 15:16-20. Compare and contrast the two other gospel accounts of the mocking of Jesus before His crucifixion. How are the differences in the accounts reconciled?
- Read Genesis 3:17-19 and Isaiah 1:18, 50:6. What insights are gained from these verses about the methods used to mock Jesus? What do these prophecies that were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born reveal to us?

The Crucifixion - (Matthew 27:32-44)

- Who were the ones who compelled Simon the Cyrene to bear the cross of Jesus and why did they make this specific request?
- Our Interruptions – Are Often God’s Appointments. What do you think Simon the Cyrene’s first response might have been as he was compelled to bear the cross of Jesus? Read Mark 15:21. What additional information do we learn about Simon the Cyrene in this passage? What do you see God doing in all of this?
- What are some of the things that can keep us from God’s divine appointments?
- Read Luke 9:23-24. How does denying ourselves lead to an abundant life? What does it look like to take up our cross daily? How do you deny yourself for God, what does that look like?
- Why did they give Jesus the sour wine and gall, and why did Jesus refuse to drink it? Read Ephesians 5:17-21. What can we learn from these passages and how do they apply to the world we live in today?
- In what way is the request of the religious leader’s statement to Jesus in verse Matthew 27:42 a mantra for our culture today?
- Why does the Cross show us we have a huge sin problem?
- How does the Cross show us We Are Not The Judges of Good/Evil, Right/Wrong? Why don’t people think they need a Savior from sin?
- As Christians, when we partake in communion, we are warned of not taking it in an unworthy manner. In what manner should we view the cross as we partake communion to do it in a worthy manner?