

MATTHEW

September 10, 2023

Matthew 27:35-44

READ

Matthew 27:35-44 Mark 15:24-32 Luke 23:33b-43 John 19:18-27 Psalm 22

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. It is easy to quickly read over the dividing of Jesus' garments (v. 35). Stop and think about it for a moment. What significance can be attached to this foretold action (Psalm 22:18)?
2. What does Pilate intend by making the inscription above Jesus what it is (v. 37; John 19:22)?
3. Why do the passersby hurl abuse (blaspheme) at Jesus (vv. 39-40)? (Probe their motives.) Upon what does their abuse focus?
4. What is different about the mocking of the chief priests and their cronies (vv. 41-43)?

Identify four ironic & unintentional truths expressed by the chief priests and what are the implications/significance of these truths?

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5. Given the circumstances of the other two condemned men, what could be driving the insults they cast upon the Lord (v. 44)?

What changes so dramatically for one of these men (Luke 23:39-43)? Why his change of heart?

6. Matthew records none of Jesus' statements during the first three-hour interval of His crucifixion. Consider His statements as recorded by the other Gospel writers. What is significant about each? Why record these statements? What do they mean to you?

(1) Luke 23:34

(2) Luke 23:43

(3) John 19:26-27

7. Reflect on Psalm 22. What is most astonishing about this psalm?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will follow in the steps of Jesus this week by . . .

I will trust God this week by . . .