

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Matthew 27:26-36

26 So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

27 Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. **29** They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!" **30** And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. **31** When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

32 Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. **33** And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). **34** The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it.

35 After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. **36** Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there.

27:39 And those who passed by heaped abuse on Him, shaking their heads **40** and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" **41** In the same way, the chief priests, scribes, and elders mocked Him, saying,

Other Passages: Matt. 27:45-54, John 1:36, 1 Peter 1:19, Matt. 16:21, Matt. 17:22-23, Zach. 9:9, Mt. 21:7-11, Isa. 53:4-8, Mt. 12:6, Heb. 12:1-4

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. This passage focuses on what Jesus did. Spend a moment to personally recollect what that means to you.
2. Some of the people shouting, "Hosanna, save us!" were expecting Jesus to save them from Rome. When He didn't meet their expectations, they were finished with him. What expectations do you have on Jesus that cause you to miss him?
3. Read Matt. 12:6, and 1 Cor. 3:16—how is Jesus the temple, and how are we the temple now?
4. As we enter this week, take time each day to ponder Jesus and his love for you. What would it look like for you to live into that love and security?
5. We encourage you each day this week to read Matthew 28 and 29 in anticipation of what's to come. Who can you share this marvelous news with? Who needs you to be the love of Jesus to them?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS