

Hope in Our Crucified Savior Finding Hope from 5 Surprises at the Cross

Introduction

I. The One who is Mocked as king, Really is the KING! (vv. 27-31)

Matthew 27:27-31 - *Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.*

II. The man who is utterly powerless is powerful (vv. 32-40)

- A. Jesus cannot even carry his own crossbeam
- B. Jesus is exposed to great shame on the cross with no possibility of rescue
- C. Jesus cannot keep his word – at least from the crowd's perspective (v. 40)

Matthew 27:40 - *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."*

III. The man who cannot save himself saves others [Matt 27:41-42]

Matthew 27:41-42 - *In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him".*

IV. The man who cries out in despair trusts in God [Matt 27:43-50]

Romans 5:8-9 - *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

Matthew 27:46 - *About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"*

V. The event signifying the end actually starts a whole new beginning

- A. The temple veil was torn in two
- B. Many were immediately resurrected – setting in motion resurrection doctrine
- C. Even the Soldiers recognize that Jesus was no ordinary man