

24 March 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Jesus Is Mocked and Abused Before Being Led Away to Die” -- Matthew 27:27-66

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. What did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus after He was turned over to their custody (vv. 28-31)?
2. Because Jesus was extremely weakened by the physical beatings He endured from the soldiers, He was unable to carry His cross all the way to the execution site. Who helped carry Jesus’ cross (v. 32)?
3. What was offered for Jesus to drink once He was on the cross (v. 34)?
4. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, how did bystanders and the rulers of the people treat Jesus (vv. 39-43)?
5. What happened at about the sixth hour, i.e. noon, after Jesus had been on the cross for a while? How long did this last (v. 45)?
6. At about the ninth hour, i.e. 3 p.m., what did Jesus do? What did He say (v. 46)?
7. When Jesus said this, what did some of those standing by think that Jesus intended by what He said (v. 49)?
8. What is important to understand about the way Jesus died (v. 50)?
9. What two incredible things happened when Jesus died (vv. 51-52)?
10. How did the centurion in charge of Jesus’ crucifixion respond to what had happened (vv. 54-55)?
11. Who buried Jesus (v. 57)?
12. What did the chief priests and the Pharisees want Pilate to do for them after Jesus had died (vv. 62-66)?

Questions to Ponder and Reflect upon the Teaching and Applications Based on the Text:

13. Why do you think Matthew gave us the ugly details of what the soldiers did to Jesus?
14. How central and pivotal is the death of Jesus in human history?
15. How do you think the mockery and ridicule that Jesus endured during His crucifixion added to His sufferings?
16. Why is it spiritually dangerous to mock holy things? Are there times when mocking is appropriate (see 2 Kings 18:27; Psalm 2:1-4; Isaiah 40:19-20; 44:15-17; Jeremiah 10:3-5)?
17. What is the significance of the tearing of the Temple curtain?
18. What do you make of the people who came back to life when Jesus died?
19. Why did God the Father forsake the Son? How did the Father forsake the Son?

20. What does the forsaking of the Son by the Father communicate about the cost of redemption?
21. How is the death of Jesus a paradox?
22. Why did Jesus need to die? Could redemption have been accomplished in some other way?