

Christ Crucified
Matthew 27.27-44
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27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's residence and gathered the whole company around him. **28** They stripped him and dressed him in a scarlet robe. **29** They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and placed a staff in his right hand. And they knelt down before him and mocked him: "Hail, king of the Jews!" **30** Then they spat on him, took the staff, and kept hitting him on the head. **31** After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

32 As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced him to carry his cross. **33** When they came to a place called *Golgotha* (which means Place of the Skull), **34** they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. **35** After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots. **36** Then they sat down and were guarding him there. **37** Above his head they put up the charge against him in writing: This Is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

38 Then two criminals were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. **39** Those who passed by were yelling insults at him, shaking their heads **40** and saying, "You who would 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, with the scribes and elders, mocked him and said, **42** "He saved others, but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God; let God rescue him now—if he takes pleasure in him! For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" **44** In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with him taunted him.

1. Intro
2. Main idea - Christ, for our sake, endured far more than the physical abuse of the cross.
3. The beating and mocking 27-31
 1. Why did the soldiers do it?
 2. How they mock him?
 1. Stripped
 2. Scarlett Robe
 3. Crown of thorns
 4. Staff in his hand
 5. Knelt before him
 6. King of the jews

4. The Crucifixion 32-37
 1. Why not more of a focus on the physical?
 2. The Father's wrath is satisfied
 1. Isaiah 53.10 - **Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished.**
5. The Mocking 38-44
 1. The Criminals
 2. The Passersby
 3. The Religious Leaders
 1. Prophecy Fulfilled
 1. His quiet death fulfills Isaiah 53.7
 2. Gall to drink fulfills Psalm 69.21
 3. Dividing of clothes fulfills Psalm 22.18
 4. Crucified with criminals fulfills Isaiah 53.12
 5. People shaking their heads fulfills Psalm 22.7, Psalm 109.25 and Lamentations 2.15
 6. Being told to rely on the Lord fulfills Psalm 22.8
 7. The whole scene is pointing us to Isaiah 50.6 and Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53
 2. Pleasure in punishing him - not his physical torture but his cosmic one
6. Why not just come down?
 1. Reveal the Love of God
 1. Romans 3.26 - **God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.**
 2. Save Sinners
 1. 1 Peter 3.18 - **For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh[h] but made alive by the Spirit,**
 2. John 3.16 - **For God loved the world in this way:[e] He gave[f] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**
7. What hope is there for us?

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- 1.) What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) Why do we concentrate so much on the physical torture of Christ and not the cosmic one?
- 3.) How did the people turn so quick from adoring Jesus to mocking him? How could they have seen so many incredible works and now deny them? How have you done the same?
- 4.) Why is Christ choosing to stay on the cross so significant?
- 5.) Why is it significant that Matthew pointed out many references to prophecies Christ fulfilled?
- 6.) How does it feel to leave a sermon with Christ on the Cross, seemingly to have lost the battle?
- 7.) From your Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?