

*SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS*

**This is Not the End of the Story      Matthew 27:27-56**

*“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.”*    Matthew 27:50

**Day 1: Read Matthew 27:27-31.**

1. The soldiers mock and ridicule Jesus, even though he is a true king. Make the following comparisons:

Equipment of a King		Mockery		What he deserves
Court	v. 27		Rev. 7:9	
Robe	v. 28		Rev. 1:12-13	
Crown	v. 29		Rev. 19:11-12a	
Scepter	v. 29		Heb. 1:8	
Laud/Worship	v. 29		Rev. 5: 12-14	

**Day 2: Read Matthew 27:32-40.**

2. “Those condemned to be crucified had to carry their own crosses.”<sup>1</sup> Why then might Simon have been enlisted to carry the cross for Jesus?
3. Tradition has it that wine mixed with gall was used for its’ narcotic effect. Why might people about to be crucified be offered this drink? Why might Jesus have refused taking this?
4. There were many ways in which “criminals” could be punished. Think about what is involved with actually being crucified. What about this method is particularly humiliating? Cruel?

**Day 3: Read Matthew 27:38-44.**

5. Jesus is taunted while he’s hanging on the cross. How does he respond? (1 Pet. 2:23)
6. Read Psalm 22:1-18. What aspects of Jesus’ crucifixion do you find in these verses?  
(\*Psalm 22:19-31)

\*The  symbol identifies verses for further study.

<sup>1</sup> Hendricksen, William. The Gospel of Matthew: Edinburgh, Great Britain: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1973, p. 962

**Day 4: Read Matthew 27:45-50.**

7. Jesus hung on the cross for hours. To whom does he cry out as he is dying?
  
8. What do you think of Jesus' despairing cry? What does this cry (v. 46) reveal about what Jesus was experiencing/enduring? (Isa. 53:10a; 2 Cor. 5:21a; Gal. 3:13)
  
9. What was the purpose of Jesus' dying? What did he accomplish? (Isa. 53:5; Jn. 1:29)
  
10. What makes the onlookers remark "Surely he was the Son of God!"?
  
11. What do you want to cry out when you take this "story" deep in to your heart?

**Day 5: Read Matthew 27:51-56.**

12. What miraculous signs accompany Jesus' death?
  
13. What little detail does Matthew note in verse 51? What huge significance does this small detail have? (Heb. 9:2-3, 7, 11-12; Heb. 10:19-22)
  
14. It was probably not very safe or politically correct to be associated with a crucified convict. Who do we find actively surrounding Jesus? Who is glaringly missing? (Mt. 26:35-56)
  
15. Read Isaiah 53. Pick one aspect of the suffering Christ that touches your heart. Share it with your group.