

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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I. Social Isolation

1. The mocking of His claim to be King (27:27- 37)
2. The mocking of His claim to be the new meeting place of God (27:40)
3. The mocking of His claim to be the Son of God (27:40, 43)
4. The mocking of His claim to be Savior (27:42)

II. Physical Disintegration

1. The scourging before crucifixion
2. The motivation for crucifixion
3. The method of crucifixion
4. The mechanics of crucifixion

III. Spiritual Desolation

1. Darkness of the heavens (27:45)
2. Declaration to the heavens (27:46)
3. Drinking "the cup" (26:36-42)

IV. Divine Vindication

1. Reconciliation: The tearing of the veil (27:51)
2. Renewal: The shaking of the earth, splitting of rocks (27:51)
3. Resurrection: The opening of the tombs (27:52)

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Matthew 27:27-56 again. What is the clear focus of Matthew's crucifixion account? Why doesn't Matthew describe the details of crucifixion?
2. Who mocks Jesus? Identify all the parties. What does each mock?
3. What is ironic about their mocking? What is familiar about the mock of 27:40 in particular? (See Matthew 4)
4. In the text, what are the two indications of the SPIRITUAL DESOLATION Jesus experienced at the cross?
5. In the text, what are the indications of DIVINE VINDICATION at the death of Jesus? What do they mean?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was new and most challenging in the text/message this week and why?
2. Do people still mock Jesus today? What form does it take?
3. When you hear and think about what Christ experienced for us, what is your reaction? What thoughts and emotions do you experience?
4. What should contemplation of the cross produce in us?
5. How does the suffering of Jesus connect to or relate to the suffering that we experience in this life? Does it completely explain our suffering? Does it partially comfort us in our suffering?
6. Explore the relationship between reconciliation, universal renewal and resurrection. What does each mean? To what does each apply?