QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when were mistreated because of your faith. How did you respond? What would you do differently next time?

2. Why are Christians often the target of persecution?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about being persecuted for being a believer in Jesus Christ:

   a) Matthew 5:10
   b) Matthew 5:44
   c) John 15:18-19
   d) Romans 12:14
   e) II Timothy 3:12
   f) I Peter 4:12-14
   g) I Peter 4:19

4. The religious leaders mocked Jesus by saying that He saved others but He could not even save Himself. How would you answer that accusation?

5. What one practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your choice with someone.*)
   - ☐ I am going to pray for someone who has mistreated me because of my faith in Jesus Christ.
   - ☐ I am going to another believer who has been mistreated because of their faith in Jesus Christ.
   - ☐ I am going to memorize I Peter 4:19.

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Matthew 27:33-44 — Study Series # 114

The Mistreatment of Christ at the Cross

I. Introduction

A. Strength in Persecution

("*Where Do We Go From Here? Hope and Direction for Our Present Crisis*" Erwin Lutzer, 1993, Moody Pub.)

B. Sources of Persecution

(See John 15:18; II Timothy 3:12; I Peter 4:12)

Source: 2020 World Watch List
https://www.opendoorsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020_World_Watch_List.pdf

Four Types of Persecution:

1) Civil
2) Cultural
3) Religious
4) Adjacent

C. Jesus Comes to Golgotha

(See Matthew 27:33-34; Mark 15:22-23; Luke 23:33; John 19:17; John 19:20; Exodus 30:23; Psalm 45:8; John 19:39; Proverbs 31:6-7; Luke 23:36-37)

II. The Mistreatment of Christ on the Cross

A. The Soldiers Mock Jesus

(See Matthew 27:35-37; Mark 15:23-26; Luke 23:34; Luke 23:36-37; John 19:23-24; Matthew 27:27-31; John 19:23; Psalm 22:7-18; Luke 23:34; Luke 6:27-28; Isaiah 53:12; Acts 17:18)

B. The Crowd Hurls Abuse at Jesus

(See Matthew 27:38-40; Mark 15:29-30; Luke 23:35; Psalm 22:7; John 2:19; Mark 14:58; John 10:18; Luke 23:8-11; Matthew 7:6; Proverbs 18:2)

C. The Religious Leaders Mock Jesus

(See Matthew 27:41-43; Mark 15:31-32; Luke 23:35; John 19:21-22; Matthew 12:24; Hebrews 11:1; John 5:39-40; Acts 13:46)

D. The Criminal Insult Jesus

(See Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:27-28; Luke 23:33; Luke 23:39-43; John 19:18; Isaiah 53:12)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study

Matthew 27:33-44

[33] And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, [34] they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting *it*, He was unwilling to drink.
[35] And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. [36] And sitting down, they *began* to keep watch over Him there. [37] And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."
[38] At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. [39] And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads [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." [41] In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking *Him* and saying, [42] "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. [43] He trusts in God; let God rescue *Him* now, if He delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" [44] The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

Parallel Passages of Study

Mark 15:22-32

Luke 23:33-43

John 19:17-24

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