QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in your life. What was the outcome?

2. With whom do you identify the most in this passage: The Roman centurion, the crowd, the Jews, or the women? Why?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about the significance of the cross:

   a) Matthew 10:38
   b) Luke 14:27
   c) Galatians 2:20
   d) Philippians 2:8
   e) Colossians 2:14
   f) I Corinthians 1:18
   g) I Peter 2:24-25

4. How is the response of the crowd similar to the parable of the soils taught by Jesus? (See Matthew 13:1-23)

5. What one practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your choice with someone.*)
   - ☐ I am going to set aside at least 5 minutes a day to be quiet and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to my heart and direct me.
   - ☐ I am going to pray for an opportunity to share my faith with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker this coming week.
   - ☐ I am going to memorize I Corinthians 1:18.

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Matthew 27:54-56 — Study Series # 116

Responding to the Cross

I. Introduction

A. Hidden Treasure

(See Proverbs 2:3-5; Psalm 119:11; Job 23:12; Colossians 2:2-3)

B. Several Eyewitnesses

(See Matthew 27:50; Luke 23:46; John 19:30; Matthew 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45; Luke 23:58; John 19:31)

- The Roman centurion (Mt 27:54; Mark 15:39; Luke 24:47)
- Mary Magdalene (Mt 27:55-56; Mk 15:40-41; Luke 24:49)
- Mary, the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 24:49)
- Mary, the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (Mt 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 24:49)
- The crowd who had gathered to watch. (Luke 23:48)
- The Jews who went to Pilate after Jesus died. (John 19:31)

II. Responding to the Cross

A. The Roman Centurion

(See Matthew 27:54; Mark 15:39; Luke 24:47; Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10; Acts 10:1-2; John 18:28-38; Matthew 26:67-68; Matthew 27:27-31; Matthew 27:45; 27:51; 14:30; 17:6-7; Luke 23:47; John 18:38; Matthew 27:19; 27:54; 16:17; I Corinthians 12:3; Matthew 26:63; John 19:7; Matthew 14:33; 27:43; Luke 1:35; Romans 10:9-10; John 12:32; Luke 23:34; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)

B. The Crowd

(See Luke 23:48; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; John 12:13; Matthew 27:22-23; Mark 15:13-14; Luke 23:21; John 19:14-15; Acts 2:23; Acts 2:37-41; II Corinthians 6:2; Luke 12:31-41)

C. The Jews

(See John 19:31; John 5:39-40)

D. The Women

(See Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 24:49; Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27; John 19:26-27; Mark 16:1; Luke 8:2; Mark 15:40; Mt 10:3; Acts 1:13; John 19:25; Mark 15:40; Mark 3:17; John 19:26)

- Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2)
- Mary, mother of James and Joseph (Mark 15:40; Mt 10:3)
- Salome, mother of sons of Zebedee (Mt 4:21; Mark 3:17)

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 27:54-56

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"
55 Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. **56** Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Parallel Passage of Study
Mark 15:39-41

39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"
40 There were also *some* women looking on from a distance, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. **41** When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and *there were* many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

Parallel Passage of Study
Luke 23:47-49

47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." **48** And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return, beating their breasts.
49 And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

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