

Matt 27:26-31 Week 100

The Wickedness of the Crucifixion

Matt 27:26 So he set free for them Barabbas; and he [had] Jesus whipped, and delivered Him up to be crucified. 27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace, and they gathered the whole battalion about Him. 28 And they stripped off His clothes and put a scarlet robe (garment of dignity and office worn by Roman officers of rank) upon Him, 29 And, weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed (staff) in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they made sport of Him, saying, Hail (greetings, good health to You, long life to You), King of the Jews! 30 And they spat on Him, and took the reed (staff) and struck Him on the head. 31 And when they finished making sport of Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own garments on Him and led Him away to be crucified. AMP

- The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was the _____ of redemptive history, the focal point of God's plan of salvation.
- Also in the crucifixion of Christ the _____ of man reached its apex.

The Scourging of a Savior

The Soldiers' _____

- What were the thorns a symbol of? We know it symbolized a crown, but it was also a picture of a _____.
- John's gospel focuses on the crucifixion primarily from the perspective of God's redemptive _____ and _____.
- Matthew's focus is primarily from the perspective of man's _____.
- But the unsurpassed manifestation of man's wickedness was in His _____.

The _____ Wicked

- The ignorant wicked were the callous _____ who actually performed the crucifixion under orders from Pilate, who finally had succumbed to the intimidation of the Jewish religious leaders.
- The Roman governor had _____ Roman justice by agreeing to convict a man whom no one was able to legitimately charge with a crime against the state.
- He bargained his eternal soul for _____ security.

- In an even worse way, the Jewish leaders had perverted not only scriptural _____ of justice but their own _____ traditions.

Notice: It was not Matthew's purpose, however, to focus on the physical particulars of the crucifixion that led to Christ's yielding up His life, but rather on the _____ of the crucifiers.

Jesus had already said the Messiah would be "despised and _____ of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him" (Isa 53:3).

How do we as today's believers fall into the ignorant crowd?

1. By trying to do _____ my way.
 2. By allowing sin to _____ my _____.
Learning to sin is a _____ activity.
 3. By allowing others' _____ standard to direct my life.
 4. By failing to _____ and _____ from truth.
- Don't forget God's _____ offered to us. It promotes obedience and _____.
 - Remember, I must _____ from my past failures. It doesn't have to _____ my future.