

Matt 27:31-44 Week 101

Wickedness of the Crucifixion--Part 2

Matt 27:31 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. 32 As they were marching forth, they came upon a man of Cyrene named Simon; this man they forced to carry the cross of Jesus. 33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha [Latin: Calvary], which means The Place of a Skull, 34 They offered Him wine mingled with gall to drink; but when He tasted it, He refused to drink it. 35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided and distributed His garments [among them] by casting lots so that the prophet's saying was fulfilled, They parted My garments among them and over My apparel they cast lots. [Ps 22:18.] 36 Then they sat down there and kept watch over Him. 37 And over His head they put the accusation against Him (the cause of His death), which read, This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

- The King of the Jews, taken by force and paraded through the streets, had to be a Roman way of _____ the Jews religion and their leadership.
- As representatives of the people, the chief priests pronounced the culminating _____ of Israel.
- With every nerve in agony and His body quivering in pain, Jesus became the object of a _____ game.
- Rejecting God's Son, the Jewish leaders publicly, although insincerely, declared _____ to the pagan emperor.
- The Rome they hated was now their _____.

The Cross

"Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"

- What began as a forced and probably resented act of physical servitude became the _____ for spiritual life.
1. The Call to _____ Self
 - I cease from making myself the object of my life and actions, and I make God the object of my life and actions.
 2. The Call to _____ Denial

3. The Call to Complete _____ to become like Christ.
 4. The Call to Willing _____, giving God His rightful place as Master and Lord.
- The cross my mom was talking about was not the cross of Scripture but the cross of _____ --- the burdens and the cares of this life.
 - The cross of _____ we are called to take up and follow Him. The cross of life, we are called to _____ and depend on Him.

Ps 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

- Learn from past failures and experiences. Let them remind you of God's grace and love. Don't let them _____ you or your value to God today.
- Because crucifixion was designed to inflict maximum pain, the gall, or myrrh, was not offered as an act of _____ on the part of the soldiers.
- As we look to His suffering, let it be a reminder that His death, His pain, His resurrection does one thing for the believer: it _____ us.