

## Matt 27: 38-44 Week 102

### The Knowing Wicked

Matt 27:38 At the same time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right hand and one on the left. 39 And those who passed by spoke reproachfully and abusively and jeered at Him, wagging their heads, [Ps 22:7,8; 109:25.] 40 And they said, You Who would tear down the sanctuary of the temple and rebuild it in three days, rescue Yourself from death. If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, made sport of Him, saying, 42 He rescued others from death; Himself He cannot rescue from death. He is the King of Israel? Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now if He cares for Him and will have Him, for He said, I am the Son of God. 44 And the robbers who were crucified with Him also abused and reproached and made sport of Him in the same way. AMP

Luke 23:40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." NIV

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ wicked: the \_\_\_\_\_
  - In all likelihood the two robbers were \_\_\_\_\_ or at least lived in the Jewish society of Palestine.
  - Therefore their rejection of Jesus was more \_\_\_\_\_ than that of the soldiers.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ wicked: the \_\_\_\_\_

Ps 22:7-8 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads 8 "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

- They had heard Him preach and seen Him perform miracles and expose the malicious \_\_\_\_\_ of the scribes, Pharisees, and other religious leaders.
- They wanted a messiah who would rule the \_\_\_\_\_ and exalt the \_\_\_\_\_.
- These were the fickle wicked who had a place for Jesus only when He satisfied their \_\_\_\_\_.

How are we, at times, the fickle wicked?

Whatever is not of \_\_\_\_\_ is sin, agreed?

- We allow \_\_\_\_\_ to dictate our faith, which equals fickle.
- Today we sometimes see folks who follow Christ as long as life is going their way, but \_\_\_\_\_ has a way of making you either run **to** God or run **away** from God. These are folks who have allowed the past to truly \_\_\_\_\_ who they are.

### 3. Jesus' Response

- God \_\_\_\_\_ over what I ask, to give me what I need.
- The Lord's ministry \_\_\_\_\_ as it had \_\_\_\_\_.
- The silence was not one of \_\_\_\_\_, but one of love, compassion, and grace. They would especially need this love, compassion, and grace after He had risen.
- Because Jesus does not fulfill their worldly, selfish \_\_\_\_\_, they lose interest in the things of God.
- Mark tells us they have a form of godliness but no power.

### 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Wicked: the \_\_\_\_\_

- In saying that Jesus saved others, those men again acknowledged the \_\_\_\_\_ of His miracles, which they had never been able to deny.
- Because He attacked their \_\_\_\_\_ and they were convinced that God was on their side, the leaders were convinced Jesus was not of God, and could not save Himself.
- People are the same way today: one more miracle or a dozen more, would not have \_\_\_\_\_ them to believe Him.

### 5. The Robber

- He saw the need, before he died, to stop and truly \_\_\_\_\_ God and his deserved judgment.
- He recognized the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- Like the robber, when we see His \_\_\_\_\_ and grace we can escape his judgments.
- His **faith** received a \_\_\_\_\_.