

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

JUNE 9, 2021

MATTHEW 27:32-44

INTRODUCTION:

1. There is no event in all of human history that is as important as the death of Jesus.
 - a) It was predicted from the beginning as a solution for sin. (Acts 3.18-21; Gen. 3.15)
 - b) Old Testament prophecy connects the death of Jesus to our salvation. (1 Pet. 1.10,11)
2. What was the cost for our salvation? (Ps. 49.5-8; 1 Pet. 1.18,19)

I. THE PATH TO GOLGOTHA

- A. **MATTHEW 27.32:** *“Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name.”*
 1. *“Now as they came out”* The way to Golgotha is called the “Via Dolorosa” translated as “Way of Sorrow” Traditionally, the Romans chose the longest route possible.
 2. Cyrene is located in North Africa in now Libya. (Acts 2.10; 6.9, 11.20; 13.1)
 3. *“Simon by name”* (Luke 6.13-16; Matt. 13.55; 26.6; John 7.39,40; 12.4; Acts 8.9)
 4. **MATTHEW 27.32:** *“Him they compelled to bear His cross.”*
 - a) Implied is that Jesus bore His cross to the city gate. (John 19.16,17)
 - b) As they came out of the city, they found Simon. (cf. Heb. 13.12)
 - c) How was Simon affected by what he saw and did? (Mark 15.21; cf. Rom. 16.13).
- B. Consider others who had also walked the path with Him.
 1. **LUKE 23.27:** *“And a great multitude of the people followed Him.”*
 2. **LUKE 23.27-31:** *“And the women who also mourned and lamented Him.”*
 3. **LUKE 23.32:** *“There also were who others, criminals, led with Him.”*

II. THE PUNISHMENT OF GOLGOTHA

- A. **MATTHEW 27.33:** *“And when they had come to a place called Golgotha.”*
 1. **MATTHEW 27.33:** *“that is to say, Place of a Skull.”* So called because of the shape.
 2. Luke refers to the place by the word “Calvary” (“Kranion”; Luke 23.33; John 19.17).
 3. **MATTHEW 27.34:** *“they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink.”*
 - a) Mark refers to “myrrh” a common medicine used for pain relief. (Mark 15.23)
 - b) **MARK 27.34:** *“But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.”*
- B. **MATTHEW 27.35:** *“Then they crucified Him.”*
 1. The soldiers stripped Him. (Matt. 27.35; John 19.23,24)
 2. Pilate accused Him. (Matt. 27.36,37; John 19.19-22)
 3. The Romans surrounded Him. (Matt. 27.38; Mark 15.27,28)
 3. The Jews blasphemed Him. (Matt. 27.39,40)
 4. The leaders mocked Him. (Matt. 27.41-43)
 5. The criminals reviled Him. (Matt. 27.44)
- C. Death is the penalty for sin. (Rom. 6.23;

III. THE PEACE AFTER GOLGOTHA

- A. **MATTHEW 27.44:** *“Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.”* Luke offers more detail about this conversation. (Luke 23.39-43)
 1. **LUKE 23.39-42:** One criminal blasphemed Him while the other defended Him.
 2. **LUKE 23.43:** *“And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’”* (cf. Acts 2.25-31)
- B. Why did Jesus suffer so willingly on the cross? (Gal. 2.20,21; 1 Pet. 3.18; Eph. 2.14-18)

