

SURVEYING
THE
CRUCIFIXION

MATTHEW 27:33-66

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that
charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head,

His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm
Of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Matthew 27:33-44

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, This Is Jesus The King Of The Jews.

Matthew 27:33-44 - continued

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

Matthew 27:33-44 - continued

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

I. The Crucifixion Is Scripture Fulfilled

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

I. The Crucifixion Is Scripture Fulfilled

A. Three prophecies

1. Lots cast for His garments (35)

Psalm 22:18

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

2. Crucified with sinners (38)

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

I. The Crucifixion Is Scripture Fulfilled

A. Three prophecies – continued

3. Scorned on the cross (39-44)

Psalm 22:7-8

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

D. One truth (v 37)

Revelation 19:16

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

Matthew 27:45-50

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Matthew 27:45-50 - continued

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

II. The Crucifixion Is Sin Judged

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

II. The Crucifixion Is Sin Judged

A. Christ takes our separation from God (45-46)

B. Many ignorant of what was happening (47-49)

1. Did not know what Jesus said (47)

2. Did not understand what Jesus meant (48)

3. Did not care what Jesus did (49)

C. Christ did this willingly

John 10:18

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Matthew 27:51-56

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Matthew 27:51-56 - continued

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedees children.

III. The Crucifixion Provides Signs For All

A. Temple veil torn in two (51a)

Mankind can have access to God

B. An earthquake (51b)

The power of God experienced

C. Old Testament saints resurrected (52-53)

The eternal life that is promised

D. The reaction of the centurion (54)

The need to acknowledge Christ for Who He Is

E. The faithful watch (55-56)

Their faith is tested when events do not go their way

Matthew 27:57-61

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

IV. The Crucifixion Means A Burial Required

A. An action that required boldness (57-58)

B. An action that also fulfilled scripture (59-60)

Isaiah 53:9

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

C. An action that requires observation (61)

Matthew 27:62-66

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Matthew 27:62-66 - continued

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

V. The Crucifixion Is Not The End

A. In man's attempt to keep Christ "dead"

B. God has other plans

SUNDAY IS COMING

**What Does The
Crucifixion
Mean To You?**