

Luke 23:27-38 Pastor Lance Ainsworth

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Thursday, March 2 Sunday, March 5

## Introduction

## Luke 23: 27-38

<sup>27</sup>And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>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.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Jesus is a peaceful man treated as a hostile.

"For if Israel has put such flame to its 'green tree' how terribly would the Divine judgment burn among the dry wood of an apostate and rebellious people, that had so delivered up its Divine King, and pronounced sentence upon itself by pronouncing it upon Him!" Alfred Edersheim -The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

Jesus is an innocent man treated as a convicted criminal.

The Skull -Golgotha -Calvary

<sup>34</sup>But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wind, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If You are the King of the JEws, save Yourself!? <sup>38</sup>Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Jesus is the King treated like an outcast.

What led Jesus to the cross? (Phil. 2:8)

Man's greatest need became God's greatest accomplishment.

1. The forgiveness of sin is a demonstration of love. (Rom 5:8, Isa 53:10)

2. The forgiveness of sin is a gift received by faith. (1 John 1:9)

3. The forgiveness of sin lifts the sentence of condemnation. (2 Cor 5:21)



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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What movie can you watch over and over again? Why?

## Read out loud: Luke 23:27-38,

#1. Jesus is the perfect example of obedience to God. What can we learn from His example? How do you deal with injustice against you? Are we called to suffer like Christ? How does that play out?

#2. Forgiveness of sin is a gift from God. Who is this gift for? How do we receive it? How do we forgive ourselves even after God has forgiven us? Jesus forgave his murders on Calvary, what does that show about his understanding of God's plan? How does our forgiveness of others change the world? Why do we forgive others?

#3. Do you ever think about the punishment of sin we deserve? Why are we condemned by sin? Does this condemnation seem fair? Why did Jesus have to be our substitute? Why did God not just forgive our sins without sending his Son to the cross? How is God both equally just and merciful?

#4. Isaiah 53:10 says in the NKJV "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin," Why did it please God to put Jesus through the scrutiny of the cross? Do you think the Godhead (Trinity) made an agreement on this plan before creation? Was his pleasure in the act or in the result of the act of the cross?

**Family Time:** Play a game of freeze tag but stop in the middle and ask if anybody who is unfrozen would like to take the place of a person that is frozen. How is this like Jesus taking our place on the cross?