

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Matthew 27:31-61

The Cross

Main Idea:

Jesus Christ, eternal God the Son, is crucified outside the city of Jerusalem at a place called Golgotha. After His death, a rich an from Arimathea named Joseph received His body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, laid it in his own new tomb and sealed it with a large stone.

(No Outline today)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 According to John 1:1, who is Jesus?

Why did He become flesh and dwell among men?

According to 1 Peter 2:24, what did the accomplishment of His mission require?

#2 Why did the soldiers who crucified Jesus first attempt to get Him to drink wine mixed with gall (myrrh)?

Why, according to the message, did Jesus refuse to drink it?

#3 Matthew documents the actual crucifixion of Jesus with only a few words. Why?

#4 Read Matthew 4:3-7. What was the devil trying to get Jesus to do? Why?

Do you find an echo of this attempt to tempt Jesus in Matthew 27:39-40? Why did the devil try again to tempt Jesus at this point to come down from the cross?

#5 Why, according to the message, was Jesus forsaken by the Father just prior to dying on the cross? Put differently, what was taking place at that time?

#6 Read v. 51. Who tore the veil of the temple? Why?

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