

Series Title:

“The Drama of Redemption”

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Sermon Title:

“The Crucifixion Account”

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Sermon Text:

Matthew 27:33-44; John 19:20-24

Introduction:

♦ *During the first three hours of Jesus’ crucifixion, five notable events took place:*

I. **Notable Event #1** - **The _____ Of _____** (Matthew 27:35a)

- Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33-35
- *Jesus wasn’t occupied with His own _____ - He was occupied with their _____! Such was the selfless sacrifice of Christ!*
- Jesus shed _____ for those who shed His _____! (Isaiah 53:12)
- **The obvious question is – was this prayer answered?** (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 6:7)

II. **Notable Event #2** - **The _____ Of Jesus’ _____** (Matthew 27:35)

- John 19:23-24a
- *In an effort to keep from ruining the inner robe, the soldiers decided that they would cast lots for it – in other words, they _____ for it!*
- Psalm 22:18; Matthew 27:35-36

“So there they sat, completely unaware of the fact that they were actually witnessing the execution of the son of God, the very One who way dying to save them!”

III. **Notable Event #3** - **The _____ Of The _____** (Matthew 27:37)

- This “*superscription*” or “*title*” basically explained the _____ or the _____ that had been leveled against the condemned man.
- *John 19:20* tells us that this official title was written in three languages: _____, _____, and _____ - **but why?**
- It is obvious that this inscription was meant to irritate and insult the Jewish people – this was Pilate’s way of _____!
- *John 19:21-22; John 1:11*

IV. Notable Event #4 - The _____ Of The _____ (Matthew 27:39-44)

- In that culture the “*wagging of the head*” was regarded as a gesture of _____, _____, and _____!
- Psalm 22:7-8; Matthew 27:41-43
- *Jesus stayed on the cross not because He _____ come down, but because He _____ come down!*
- I Peter 2:23-24

V. Notable Event #5 - The _____ Of The _____ (Matthew 27:38)

- **Luke 23:39-43**
- The word translated “*robber*” in this passage is a word that was used to refer to “*a _____, a _____ robber, a _____ thief.*”
- Isaiah 53:12
- *The only thing more amazing than the request was the fact that it was _____!*

Conclusion:

There are only two choices to be made concerning Jesus – you either _____ Him or you _____ Him! “What will your decision be?”

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.