

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Let Him Save Himself"
Luke 23:35-38
Study-101

What the Gospels record is the vantage point from the cross of Jesus, what God's Son observed! *"The faces around the cross."*

Jesus Suffered and Died Not Because He was Guilty of Any Offense, but because He was The Sinless Son of God, our Substitute. He was given our punishment for our sin!

1 Corinthians 15:3; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18

Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:
Verses 1-25 The Civil Trials
Verses 26-46 His Crucifixion

Our passage is recorded three times: Matthew 27:39-43; Mark 15:29-32; Luke 23:35-38

The Thought Of Our Passage: "It Was Not The Nails That Held Jesus To The Cross But His Undying Love For You And Me"

- 1. Verses 35-37 The Crowd**
- 2. Verse 38 The Inscription**

1. Verses 35-37 The Crowd:

Luke 23:35 **And** the people stood by, the word **And Context** – Jesus uttered His 1st Word ("7 – Sayings") from the cross which was *"The Word of Forgiveness"* **Luke 23:34**

the people stood by, looking on. Context – Luke continues but now focuses upon the crowd surrounding the cross.

Matthew 27:39 **hurling abuse at Him,** *"were blaspheming Him"*

Matthew 27:40 Persons are misquoting a statement that Jesus said, in **John 2:19** (Same statement was given in false testimony in Jesus' trial Sanhedrin **Mark 14:57-59**)

If You are the Son of God, this was the same statement Satan had said to Jesus at the beginning of His ministry **Matthew 4:3,6**

Spectators – Mocking, And Accusing Jesus Of Being A False Prophet.

Rulers Mock Jesus For Being A False Prophet: And even the rulers were sneering "to turn up the nose" at Him, what rulers is Luke referring to? The religious and governing body of the Sanhedrin. This was the ruling party of the Jews. **Mark 15:31**

Fulfilling a prophecy, 1000 years before the cross. **Psalms 22:6-8**

Matthew 12:30

Sanhedrin Acknowledge Jesus' Miraculous Power: saying, "He saved others; Religious acknowledge the validity of Jesus' ministry. This was a true testimony of Jesus.

Luke 19:10

They heard "Jesus' Words" but failed to understand the truth!

Religious Failed To Understand Christ's Mission: let Him save Himself This is precisely the opposite of what Jesus came to do.

Matthew 27:42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself." *"Since Jesus was to save others, He would- not save Himself"* He was going to be the substitute for sinful man, that would require Him to die in our place.
Luke 9:24

**He must die that others might live! Meaning of His death, "God's Servant is exchanging His life as the ransom for many"
Substitutionary Death! Mark 10:45**

**Every Christian has been given the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:20**

Matthew 1:21 for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 27:42 and we will believe in Him. Literally *"they make a promise if Jesus comes down, they will believe"*

Luke 16:27-31

**Jesus Declared That The Final Sign Was That of Jonah:
Matthew 16:4**

This is the message of the gospel: That in order for God to save us He must pay the price with His own life. (Death, Burial, and Resurrection) **1 Corinthians 15:17**

if this is the Christ of God, "the Messiah" Peter confessed it, Luke 9:20

His Chosen One." God the Father said it to Jesus **Luke 9:35**

Matthew 27:43

The Jewish Messiah was a triumphant political powerhouse, God's Messiah was the suffering servant, sacrificing Himself in order to save.

The OT taught that death on a tree was a curse from God: (Jesus Did)

Deuteronomy 21:23

Philippians 2:8 even death on a cross.

Encounter With The Religious – God is most concerned about my heart, "Why I Do What I Do!" not merely (Externals of Religion)

Verses 36-37 Encounter With The Soldiers: Luke 23:36

offering Him sour wine, (vinegar) at the beginning of the crucifixion **Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23**, Jesus was offered just before He died **John 19:29**. Luke alone records the soldiers mocking Him as king through offering Jesus this cheap drink, it fulfilled in **Psalms 69:21**

Luke 23:37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

Jesus was King at birth (**Matthew 2:2**)

Jesus was declared King at the Passion Week (**John 12:13**)

Jesus said He was King before Pilate (**John 18:36-37**)

Jesus' inscription on the cross said He was King (**Mark 15:26**)

Jesus will return to earth as the King (**Revelation 19:12-16**)

Encounter With The Spectators – The greatest need is to see that my sin placed Jesus on the cross, my sin results in judgment.

2. Verse 38 The Inscription:

Luke 23:38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, All four Gospels record the inscription. The inscription announced the crime for which the execution was taking place.

Matthew 27:37 "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Mark 15:26 "THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Luke 23:38 "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

John 19:19 "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Full quotation was: "THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS"

John 19:19-22 John says that it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin (**John 19:20**)

was written in Hebrew, or *Aramaic* this was the religious language of the worship of the people. **The religious rejected Jesus Christ.**

Latin, Was the official language of law the Roman empire. **The Romans executed Jesus Christ.**

and in Greek. This was referred to as the gentile (pagan) cultural language, language of philosophy and literature. **The gentiles ignored Jesus Christ.**

"THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Pilate a Gentile announced the royalty of Jesus Christ. Matthew's Gospel announces Jesus as the king of the Jews.

Peter Speaking About Suffering Looks To Jesus As The How To Model: 1 Peter 2:21-24

Application: The Homily of the Passion says,

1. Let This Image Of Jesus Crucified, Be Always Printed In Our Hearts. The Cross Took Place Because Of Us, Forgiveness Was A Result Of What Christ Has Done For Us.
2. Let This Image Of Jesus Crucified Stir Us Up For The Hatred Of Sin.
3. Let This Image Of Jesus Crucified Provoke Our Minds For The Sincere Love Of Almighty God.