

Matthew 27:27-44
What We Find At The Cross
August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

Intro – (interactive notes begin on page 6)

1. Mocking Men

vs. 27-31 - Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a *crown* of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they'd mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

1 Peter 2:21-23 - Christ suffered for you, *leaving you an example*, that you should follow in His steps... When they hurled their insults at Him, He didn't retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

2. A Helping Hand

In the 24 hours leading up to this, Jesus...

Matthew 27:27-44

What We Find At The Cross

August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

v. 32 - Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

Deuteronomy 23:5 - God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.

Mark 15:21 - They compelled a certain man, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus... to carry His cross.

Warren Wiersbe: *We have good reason to believe that Simon was converted because of this encounter with Jesus. Mark assumed his readers would know them. Apparently Simon and his sons became well-known Christians who were held in honor in the church.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: *We must allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God constantly crosses our paths and cancels our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. We may pass them by, preoccupied with our more important tasks... It's strange that Christians and even ministers frequently consider their work so important and urgent that they'll allow nothing to disturb them. They think they're doing God work, but actually they're disdaining God's plan. (Paraphrased)*

Matthew 27:27-44

What We Find At The Cross

August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails.

3. A Sarcastic Sign

vs. 33-37 - And when they'd come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He'd tasted it, He wouldn't drink. Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

John 19:21-22 - The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Don't write 'The King of the Jews,' but rather this man claimed to be King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I've written, I've written."

4. Two Thieves

vs. 38-44 - Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and

Matthew 27:27-44

What We Find At The Cross

August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

saying, “You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You're the Son of God, come down from the cross.” Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, “He saved others; Himself He can't save. If He's the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we'll believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He'll have Him; for He said, ‘I'm the Son of God.’” Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Luke 23:39-43 - One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you're under the same sentence? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this Man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you'll be with Me in Paradise.”

Luke 23:34 - Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.”

Luke 23:35 - The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others, let Him save Himself if He's the Christ.”

We learn three things from the thief on the cross.

- 1. We learn that anyone can be saved.**
- 2. We learn how to get to heaven.**

Jesus: "Assuredly, this day you'll be with Me in Paradise."

Matthew 27:27-44

What We Find At The Cross

August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

3. We learn it's not too late to trust Christ as Savior, but don't delay.

What's the mistake in delaying a decision for Christ?

- **1. No one knows when they'll die...**
- **2. Do you want to waste your entire life?...**
- **3. If you harden your heart to Him today, how do you know you'll trust Him tomorrow?**

The Bible says:

- **Today is the day of salvation!**
- **Today if you hear His voice don't harden your heart!**

1 Peter 2:24 - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we, having *died to sins*, might live for righteousness.

Matthew 27:27-44

What We Find At The Cross

August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

1. _____

1 Peter 2:23 - When they hurled their insults at Him, He didn't retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

2. _____

Deuteronomy 23:5 - God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails.

3. _____

Matthew 27:27-44
What We Find At The Cross
August 9, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

4. _____

We learn three things from the thief on the cross.

1. We learn that anyone _____.

2. We learn how _____.

3. We learn it's not too late to _____

The man on the first cross "DIED IN HIS SIN."

The Man on the middle cross "DIED FOR SIN"

The man on the third cross "DIED TO SIN"