

Sermon Notes 04.09.2017 – “Seeing Jesus - at the Cross”

John 19:1-5 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; 3 and they *began* to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps *in the face*. 4 Pilate came out again and *said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." 5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. *Pilate* *said to them, **"Behold, the Man!"**

Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*, So **His appearance was marred more than any man. And His form more than the sons of men.**

John 19:14-19 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And **he *said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"** 15 So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate *said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." 16 **So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.** 17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. 18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

They Looked Upon Jesus

The Soldiers – Matter of Fact – They Didn't Know What They Were Doing

Matthew 27:35-36 And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. 36 **And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there.**

Luke 23:36-37 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

The Crowds and the Mourning Women -

Luke 23:27-31 And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, **stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.**" 29 "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.' 30 "Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US!' 31 "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

The Rulers and the People – Forgot All They Had Seen

Luke 23:35 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."

Mark 15:29-32 Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who *are going to* destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 **In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself.** 32 "Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

The Two Malefactors / The one was redeemed for what he saw and said

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Jesus' Mother, John and the Others - Stood Faithfully By & Moved Closer When They Could

John 19:25-27 "standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" 27 Then He *said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" From that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

Mark 15:40 There were also *some* women looking on from a distance, among whom *were* Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.

Centurion – Changes in Nature and How Jesus Died – Believed What He Could See

Matthew 27:54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Luke 23:47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began praising God*, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent."

Multitudes – Came for the “spectacle” and were perhaps the first to repent

Luke 23:48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began to return, beating their breasts*.

“Beating their Breasts - In token of alarm, fear, and anguish. They saw the judgments of God; they saw the guilt of the rulers; and they feared the farther displeasure of the Almighty.” *Barnes Notes on the New Testament*

Peter Spoke to These Same People on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:36-37 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"