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The Way Up to the Cross The Death of the Savior

Matthew 27:27–56 (HCSB)

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into headquarters and gathered the whole company around Him. ²⁸ They stripped Him and dressed Him in a scarlet military robe. ²⁹ They twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and placed a reed in His right hand. And they knelt down before Him and mocked Him: "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spit on Him, took the reed, and kept hitting Him on the head. ³¹ When they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe, put His clothes on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. ³² As they were going out, they found a Cyrenian man named Simon. They forced this man to carry His cross. ³³ When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Skull Place), ³⁴ they gave Him wine mixed with gall to drink. But when He tasted it, He would not drink it. ³⁵ After crucifying Him they divided His clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and were guarding Him there. ³⁷ Above His head they put up the charge against Him in writing: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** ³⁸ Then two criminals were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ Those who passed by were yelling insults at Him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "The One who would demolish the sanctuary and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him and said, ⁴² "He saved others, but He cannot save Himself! He is the King of Israel! Let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³ He has put His trust in God; let God rescue Him now - if He wants Him! For He said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way even the criminals who were crucified with Him kept taunting Him. ⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over the whole land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "**Eli, Eli, lemá sabachtháni?**" that is, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**" ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling for Elijah!" ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, fixed it on a reed, and offered Him a drink. ⁴⁹ But the rest said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to save Him!" ⁵⁰ Jesus shouted again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. ⁵¹ Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ And they came out of the tombs after His resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "This man really was God's Son!" ⁵⁵ Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and ministered to Him were there, looking on from a distance. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

- JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS TO _____ MY SIN AND HUMILIATION vv 27-31**
 - Jesus was brutally _____ before being crucified.
 - Jesus was mocked and humiliated before being crucified.
- THE FINAL _____ UP TO THE CROSS vv 32-37**
 - _____ else had to take the cross on the way up to Golgotha.
 - Jesus refused to dull His senses while taking on our sin.
 - Jesus' true _____ was on display for all to see.
- THE _____ ONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GUILTY vv 38-45**
 - The two criminals _____ to be crucified, Jesus didn't.
 - Many claim that if they had proof of Jesus' claims, they would believe, but they wouldn't.
 - Once they hung Jesus on the cross, _____ enveloped the earth.
- THE LAST _____ OF JESUS ON THE CROSS vv 46-49**
 - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew, Mark
 - "I'm thirsty." John
 - "Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit." Luke
 - "It is finished." John
- THE DEATH OF JESUS PRODUCED THREE INCREDIBLE _____ vv 50-53**
 - The temple curtain separating the Holy of Holies, _____ in two.
 - The earth quaked, splitting all the rocks.
 - The graves of the righteous dead were _____.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (HCSB)
But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH WAS _____ TO ALL vv 54-56**
 - The trials and crucifixion of Jesus did nothing to change His position as Messiah.
 - The centurion said aloud what everyone, but the Jews, was _____.

The Next Step:

Place your faith in the only One willing to go all the way up to the cross to pay for your salvation.