

His Name Is Jesus, He Is like No Other

Lesson 5: A Death Like No Other

Matthew 27:28-31, 45-50, 54

Question: *Why do we care when famous people pass away?*

Matthew 27:28-31

28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:45-50

45 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Matthew 27:54

54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Life Application Questions

- What does verse 28-31 teach us about Jesus?
- How do we explore the tension between the truth of God's love and the events in verses 45-50?
- What emotions have you experienced while discussing Jesus' death?
- When in your own life did you encounter the truth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Live It Out

What does Jesus' death mean for your life? Consider the following options for responding to His sacrifice:

- **Confess.** Ask God to forgive you of your sins in light of Jesus' death on the cross.
- **Show Gratitude.** Set aside time each day to intentionally express gratitude to Jesus for the sacrifice He made on your behalf. Let that gratitude influence your words and actions.
- **Invite others.** Invite someone to join you next week as your group discusses what happened after Jesus died on the cross. The focus on Christ resurrection is a great time to introduce someone to the gospel.
- We are all sinners born with a sin nature, but thanks be to God through His Son Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is available. Forgiveness has been paid for. And forgiveness is for you.