

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

It was a fact that Jesus was innocent. The Roman governor in charge of Judea, Pontius Pilate, so stated himself after having examined Jesus personally (John 19:4). It is also a fact that Jesus never committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And yet, they fashioned the crown of thorns and placed a purple robe upon His shoulders in mockery, and delivered Him to be crucified. He bore His cross to a place called Golgotha, where they crucified Him, (John 19: 17-18). The Bible tells us about the state of mind of some of the people who were there.

Soldiers. These Roman men oversaw the crucifixion. They were of cruel mind (Mark 15: 16-20), mocking Him even as He hung on the cross (Luke 23: 36-37). They were also hard-hearted and indifferent, as shown in John 19: 23, 24, where they cast lots for Jesus' clothing. This act was foretold in Psalm 22:18. Jesus forgave these men (Luke 23:34)!

Mary. Also there at the crucifixion was Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus (John 19: 25-27). The Bible doesn't say much about her state of mind, but every mother can easily understand the pain she must have felt looking upon her son hanging on that cross, slowly and painfully dying.

Priests. These men were full of hatred toward Jesus (Matt. 27: 41-43).

Thieves. Two robbers were crucified on either side of Jesus (Matt. 27:38). One was full of blasphemy, the other humility, admitting his own guilt (Luke 23: 39-43).

Centurion. Though he was part of the soldiers, this man made a startling admission. His state of mind was acceptance that Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

You. Not personally, of course, but representationally. Jesus bore your sins in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As He hung there dying, surrounded by heartbroken supporters, vicious gawkers, grim soldiers and proud religious leaders, He did so as a perfect offering to God for each one of them, and for each one of us. Since he died for you, will you live for Him?

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News and Notes

Youth Devo's – The summer youth devo's will start on Tuesday, June 16th. Anyone who would like to host or if you have any questions please see Steven or Carla Lough.

Work Camp is the week of June 21st – 26th for grades 7 – 12. If you would like to go, please see Joel Boggess.

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS!! It was a wonderful week!!

Your hard work is greatly appreciated ☺

Songs of Praise

Bible Class

Opening Song - #431 "Break Thou The Bread of Life"

Dismissal Prayer

Worship Assembly

Song #23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Announcements

Song #797 "Lord We Come Before Thee Now"

Prayer

Song - #506 "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"

Lord's Supper/Collection

Song - #712 "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

Morning Lesson

Invitation Song - #876 "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

Closing Song - #66 "Doxology"

Closing and Dismissal Prayer

Prayer Requests

♥Please keep the following folks in your prayers: Jim Reszler, Sharon Little, Jerry Kerns, Keith Kisner, Edwina Summers, Kim Dumire, the Osborne family, Harold Phillips, Peggy Miller and Noah Miller.

♥Margaret Brand is now home recovering from her recent hospital stay.

♥Erin Thalman is in Ruby Memorial due to cancer.

♥Bill Knight is also in Ruby Memorial with cancer.

♥Jeri Adams is in Ruby Memorial and is in need of prayers.

♥Marla Hull, friend of Kevin & Mary Lough, has requested prayers for her newborn baby. The baby is having complications and is in Ruby.

Being Faithful

There can be nothing more important in any relationship than faithfulness. It is the test of true devotion and love. It is the virtue that authenticates the bond and communicates an invention to "stick with" one another to the end. We value faithful friends, family members, and especially spouses as the people in life on whom we can truly depend.

In fact, we have little use for the unfaithful. No one wants a "fair-weather friend" or a spouse who is not true. Every employer wants employees who keep their word and show up for work. Unfaithfulness is the essence of being undependable. Such people are never there when you really need them. In short, they always let you down.

Why would it be any different with God? We have seen His abundant love; is it any wonder that He desires faithful love from us in return?

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