



Sit Down & Watch

Matt. 27:36-54



THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM

37 And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

- **The leaders did not like the wording**
 - *"This man said, 'I am king of the Jews'" (John 19:21)*
- **Pilate may have let his annoyance show?**
- **Neither knew how true it was**
 - *"which he will display at the proper time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords"*

(1 Tim. 6:15)



THE CRIMINALS WITH HIM

38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

- **Just another Jewish lawbreaker**
 - The shame and cruelty of crucifixion was beneath Roman citizens
- **But, why are the priests and elders here?**
- **What's so special about this man?**



THE PEOPLE REVILE HIM

*39 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads
40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."*

- *derided* – ridiculed, scoffed, disparaged, scorned, put down
- Not knowing they were verifying His claim (Ps. 22:7-8)
- Not knowing He did not come to “save Himself”
- Not knowing being “*the son of God*” kept Him on the cross



THE LEADERS MOCK HIM

41 So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, 42 "He saved others; 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 trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

- **Not knowing He was saving others by not saving Himself**

44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.



DARKNESS

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

- **Darkness from noon until 3:00 PM**
- **This would be terrifying!**
 - The 2017 solar eclipse lasted 2 minutes and 40 seconds
- **Something very strange is going on here...**
 - *"And on that day," declares the Lord GOD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight." (Amos 8:9)*



HIS DEATH

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.



CREATION CONVULSES

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

- **Creation mourns the Creator**
- **The earth is shaken literally and spiritually**
- **The spiritual reality is demonstrated physically**
 - *the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing...* (Heb. 9:8-9)
 - *“we have confidence to enter the holy places... that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh...”* (Heb. 10:19-20)



WHAT THEY SAW

54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

"Truly this was the Son of God!"

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32)



WHAT THE WORLD SEES

- A myth
- A good man being mistreated
- A religious leader being martyred
- Foolishness
 - *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Cor. 1:18)*



WHAT WE SEE

- **God's infinite love (John 3:16)**
- **God's infinite compassion (Luke 23:24)**
- **The price paid for our sins (1 Pet. 2:24)**
- **Reconciliation with God**
 - *“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”*
(2 Cor. 5:18)



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

