



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 27:38-44 // Jesus Mocked

- What is significant about the content of the accusations that the crowd and religious leaders mock Jesus with while he hangs on the cross?
- The taunts to “save yourself” would have been a difficult temptation for Jesus to face, knowing he in fact had the power to do that if he chose to. What is powerful about the fact that Jesus chose *not* to save himself?
- The taunts from the crowd are full of “ironic truths.” What are some of the things they mock Jesus with that are indeed true of him? (Example: they mock him for calling himself the Son of God, which in fact he was).
- Matthew 27:44 says that the robbers on the other crosses also reviled him in the same way. How do you make sense of that with what we read in Luke 23:42-43?
- The taunting could be summarized by the crowds and religious leaders telling Jesus, “We don’t think you can do what you said you can do. Prove it.” Where in your life have you maybe communicated something similar to God? Refusing to believe that God will come through for you when he said he would?
- As we walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus, how does Jesus’ silent response on the cross inform how we should act when others mock and revile us for the name of Christ?
- How is the way of the cross different from the way of the world when it comes to suffering, reviling, and mocking?



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