

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — April 2, 2023

Sermon Notes

Last week: “Weighed & Found Unwanted,” [Matthew 27:1-31](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#);

New Testament Reading: [John 18:28-37](#)

Breakdown of Matthew 27:1-31

- Sanhedrin’s Appraisal of Jesus, [v. 1](#)
 - ◊ From Sanhedrin to Pilate, [v. 2](#)
 - ⇒ Judas’ Judgement, [vv. 3-10](#)
- Pilate’s Appraisal of Jesus, [vv. 11-25](#)
 - ◊ From Pilate to Soldiers, [v. 26](#)
- Soldiers’ Appraisal of Jesus, [vv. 27-30](#)
 - ◊ From Soldiers to the Cross, [v. 31](#)

This week: “History’s Darkest Hour,” [Matthew 27:32-66](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

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Breakdown of Matthew 27:32-66

The Crucifixion, [vv. 32-38](#)

What was Jesus to carry as he was led out of the city? Along the way, why would he need someone to carry it?

Who was it they forced to carry the burden? (see also: [Romans 16:13](#))

What is the purpose of giving a condemned person “wine mixed with gall?” ([Psalm 69:19-21](#))

How was it that the soldiers were “casting lots” for Jesus’ clothes?

The statement of the crime was often placed on a tablet on the cross. What did Pilate have written on the tablet of Jesus’ cross? ([John 19:19-22](#))

Who was crucified with Jesus? ([Isaiah 53:12](#))

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The Mocking, [vv. 39-44](#)

What were the kinds of insults and mocking Jesus endured on the cross?

The Climax, [vv. 45-50](#)

What happens during the Passover at the time of the minchah prayers in the Temple?

Why do you think darkness was over all the land? Might it have to do with what Jesus called out? ([Matthew 27:46](#); [Psalm 22](#); [John 16:32](#); [Luke 23:46](#))

Why would some of the crowd think Jesus was calling on Elijah? Why might they then offer him wine vinegar to drink?

Though Jesus was crucified, did they take his life or did he give it up?

The Aftermath, [vv. 51-56](#)

What happened in the temple at the moment Jesus died? Of what was this a sign?

What other physical events took place at that moment?

What was the witness of the Gentile soldiers of these events?

Who was it that kept watch from a distance?

The Burial, [vv. 57-66](#)

As the Sabbath was approaching who asked Pilate for Jesus' body to be buried?
([Luke 23:50-51](#))

Even now that Jesus was dead, what were the chief priests and Pharisees concerned about the body of Jesus?

What was the level of security they obtained by Pilate to watch over the body?

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