

Matthew 27:32-44
Palm Sunday Standalone
Message – Journey to the Cross
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Crucifixion

- Golgotha wasn't too far away from the city because the Romans wanted it to be a _____.
- The cross was a symbol of _____, of punishment, and humiliation.
- Only _____ citizens or _____ were subject to this kind of punishment
- The cross is meant for _____ people.
- Gall was _____. Many people who were about to be crucified were offered this drink as a way to _____.

Mocking Jesus

v. 38-44

- Jesus doesn't say _____ in this passage.
- Others though, _____ remain silent.

Psalm 69:19-21, two prophecies fulfilled

- Leaders in the faith stooped to a level that was so low that what they said was like the very words of the _____ himself

Luke 4:3, Luke 4:9

- In their minds, the Messiah would _____ die a criminal's death on the cross in our place.

The Suffering of Jesus

- The Bible tells us that only _____, John was present during the crucifixion.
- Even though God was not separate from Jesus, Jesus felt totally _____.

Who would willingly go through something like this?

John 15:13

- Jesus showed the _____ of love in laying down his life for us.

How will you respond to God's word today?

Reflection Questions

1. Why did Jesus suffer crucifixion rather than die in another way?
2. Have there been moments when you've been emotionally moved thinking about Jesus' suffering and death on the cross?
3. Why did Jesus not defend himself from the mockers?
4. Why didn't the teachers of the law connect that Jesus was the Messiah through all the prophecies he fulfilled?
5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?