

# Scripture this week:

## Matthew 27:32-54

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> 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." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "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. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. <sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> 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?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> 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. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> 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!"

## The Cross- Once and For All

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Jesus, God, became one of us, to live and die for us. Once Jesus did it, it was done.

- Why did Jesus need to die?
- Couldn't God have saved us another way?
- What did Jesus do that saves us?
- What are the benefits of Jesus' life and death for us?

## Questions for Discussion:

### **Notes:**

Romans 3:21-26

#### **What does it mean?**

1. How would you summarize where we have been thus far in our series?
2. How does this particular section fit in to the overall flow of the ideas we have seen in Scripture?
3. Why did Jesus need to die?
4. What is the tension between God's forgiveness and justice?
5. Could God have saved another way? (Cf. Matthew 26:39, Hebrews 2:14-17)
6. Was it necessary for Jesus to live 30+ years as a human, could he have come to die for us in an instant?
7. What does the cross actually accomplish— for our justification? For our sanctification?

#### **How does it apply?**

1. What are the benefits of the cross for us?
2. What are some ways that we can know that we are not trusting in the cross for our salvation as fully as we could? For OST?
3. If Jesus paid the price completely for our salvation, what then is left for us to do?