



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- 30th March 2018

Good Friday

Reading: Matt 27:32-56

The Delicious Irony of the Cross

Marcus Reid

“You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”

Matthew 27:40

1. The delicious irony of the cross. (Matthew 27:32-44)

2. The cross- the pathway to coronation. (Matthew 27:45-56)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 27:36-44. In what ways are the mocking words in verses 41-44 ironic? What do they say about Jesus' identity and the crowds misunderstanding of what was happening?
2. Read Psalm 22. How does this Psalm underlay Matthews text and what does that say about Matthews reconstruction of events? How is this Psalm fulfilled in Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 27:45-56. How do the natural signs and wonders speak to the meaning of Jesus death and how is the centurions statement- Matthews' end goal for us?

4. Meditation & application

5. What does this passage reveal to you about Jesus and the meaning of his death? What is Matthews' purpose in writing it like this?
6. How does Jesus "use," of Psalm 22 at this most painful time in his life speak to you about the purpose of the Psalms in the life of the believer? How could the Psalms become part of your prayer life and sustain your faith?
7. As you reflect on the cross- can you see any irony in it and what does it say to you about the nature of God and his redemptive purpose in your life?

Dear heavenly Father, We thank you for sending Jesus. We thank you that he was unwilling to save himself in order that he might save us. Thank you that he was forsaken in order that we might be remembered- I pray that you might bless us with a heart full of gratitude, worship and love based on what Christ has done for us. In Name- Amen.