

The Suffering of Christ – Inhumane but Humane

Matthew 27:11-56

W_____ Jesus suffered was inhumane

●His suffering

1. By the ruling council of the Jews which was made up of _____ men (Matt 26:67)
 - a. They showered His face with s_____
 - b. Some beat Him with their f_____
 - c. Others s_____ Him
2. The Roman governor, Pilate (Matt 27:11-26)
 - a. Had a history of stirring up the Jews (Josephus' *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book XVIII, chapter 3).
 - 1) Secretly brought pagan i_____ into Jerusalem at night and set them up just to show His power and disregard for the Mosaic Law – sparked protests.
 - 2) Used money from the Jewish temple treasury to build an a_____ - sparked massive protests.
 - 3) He was warned by the Roman government not to do things to stir up the Jews.
 - b. Tried Jesus and found Him _____
 - 1) He was that if He freed Jesus it would cause a r_____
 - 2) He handed Jesus over to be c_____ in order to avoid more disfavor by the Roman government.
 - c. Pilate order Jesus to be s_____
 - 1) This was a whip that had leather straps with pieces of m_____ or bone attached at the end.
 - 2) Roman soldiers were known to be merciless with the scourge. Jesus's b_____ was ripped open.
3. The whole Roman cohort which was made up of _____ soldiers (Matt 27:27-31)
 - a. Dressed Jesus up as a king – a robe, a reed for a scepter, and a crown of t_____.
 - b. They showered Jesus with s_____
 - c. They beat Jesus's head with the reed (a reed was sturdy enough to be used as a w_____ stick), which caused profuse bleeding from the thorns imbedding into His forehead.
 - d. They m_____ Him.

4. The squad of four soldiers (Matt 27:32-36)
 - a. They forced Jesus to carry His c_____
 - b. They stripped Jesus of both His outer and inner garments leaving Him n_____.
 - c. They n_____ Him to the cross to keep Him in a helpless position.
5. The public (Matt 27:38-44) – m_____ Him and insulted Him.

●My reaction

1. Might start out as a _____ toward Jesus's abusers.
2. Might turn into guilt and shame as I realize that it was my s_____ that put Him through this suffering.
3. But Jesus wants us to look further

W_____ Jesus suffered was humane

●Jesus's suffering was prophesied (Is 52:14-53:12)

- a. He would be marred more than any m_____
- b. He would be pierced and crushed for our s_____
- c. He would be scourged for our spiritual h_____

●Jesus did the humane thing - He suffered to show His l_____ for humanity.

1. Jn 3:16 – *For God so l_____ the world...*
2. Rom 5:8 – *God demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were yet s_____, Christ [God in the flesh] died for us.*

●Jesus's suffering not only resulted in physical death but spiritual death.

1. Physical death is when the human s_____ separates from the human body (Jms 2:26) – Jesus died physically when He yielded up His spirit (Matt 27:50).
2. Spiritual death is when the human spirit separates from G_____ (see Eph 2:1; I Cor 6:17) – Jesus died spiritually when the Father a_____ Him (Matt 27:46).
3. Jesus h___ to suffer both physical and spiritual death in our place so that we would not suffer eternally those ways.

●Jesus's suffering ripped the veil of the temple from t_____ to b_____ (Matt 27:51)

1. The time of this ripping was around 3 pm which was the time of the evening s_____ (see Ex 29:38,39; Josephus, *Antiquity of the Jews*, Book XIV, chapter 4:3)

2. The veil blocked the entrance to the Holy of Holies, the inner most part of the temple.
 - a. This was the place that God's personal presence was said to dwell (Ex 25:22)
 - b. No one went into the Holy of Holies, except the High Priest and that only _____ per year (Heb 9:7).
3. Being ripped from top to bottom was un_____ - this was God's way of saying that:
 - a. The way has been opened up to Him through the death of Jesus.
 - b. Jesus is our High Priest and all who trust in Him have direct access to God (Jn 14:6)

Conclusion:

- To those who have not trusted Christ – look at how Jesus's suffering proves His love by:
 1. Reading the gospel accounts of Jesus's suffering
 2. Viewing the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*
- To those who have trusted Christ
 1. Daily remember how much Jesus loves you
 2. Lay aside yourself and your sin and allow His love to overflow into the way you live.