

Treasure Hunt

- What is the main theme of the description of our Lord's crucifixion?
- How might the participation of Simon of Cyrene humiliate the Lord?
- Why were the soldiers "watching" Jesus in v. 36?
- How might the presence of the two thieves humiliate the Lord?
- Who humiliates the Lord in v. 45-46?
- How may Matthew have understood the torn veil, based on Psalm 18?
- Why does Matthew mention that the soldiers in v. 54 were watching Jesus?
- Where do the women "behold" Jesus, and why does Matthew record this?

Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with Judas
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper (Judas), Gethesemene (Peter)		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews (Judas)	
			26:57-27:56 Jesus with the Jews: Trials (Peter, Judas), Crucifixion (women)
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

The Humiliation of the Lord

Mt 27:	Who?	Reference
27-30, 37 Mock enthronement	Soldiers	Isa 50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting .
32 a "Simon" carries his cross	Soldiers	Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any <i>man</i> will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross , and follow me.
34, 47 Undrinkable beverage	Soldiers	Psa 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
35 Nakedness	Soldiers	Psa 22:16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ... 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Mt 27:	Who?	Reference
38 Despised courtiers	Soldiers	Matt 20:21 Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left , in thy kingdom.
40 Questioning his divine sonship	Passers by	Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God,
41-43 "Let God save him"	Priests, Thieves	Psa 22:7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, <i>saying</i> , 8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
45-46, Abandoned by God	God	Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

Further Context

The Context of Gall and Vinegar (vv. 34, 47)

Psa 69:19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee. 20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Did Jesus know why God forsook him (v. 46)?

Mat 20:28 the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mat 26:39 O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

The Last Drink (vv. 47-48)

Lk 23:36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, 37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

Psa 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Vindication of the Dead Messiah

51-52a, At his Death

- The veil was rent
- The earth did quake
- The rocks rent
- The graves were opened

52b-53, At his Resurrection

- Many bodies arose
- And came out of the graves
- And went into the city
- And appeared unto many

OT Background to the Signs

Rent Veil and Earthquake

Ps 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: **he heard my voice out of his temple**, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. 7 Then **the earth shook and trembled**; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. 9 **He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness ...**

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Rent Rocks

Isa 48:21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Opened Graves

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will **open your graves**, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have **opened your graves**, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

Conversion of the Soldiers

- 31, the **soldiers** ...
mocked him

- 32, **they** ... found ...
Simon

- 34, **they** gave him vinegar

- 35 **they** parted his
garments

- 36, **they watched τηρεω**
5083 = guarded him

- 37 **they** set up ... his
accusation

54, the **centurion,**
and they that were
with him,
watching τηρεω
5083 Jesus

(then the passers-by, chief
priests, thieves, and God
himself)

Christ's Followers at the Cross

1. Women

Jdg 4:8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

2. Afar off

Mat 26:58 But Peter followed him **afar off** unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

3. Beholding

Act 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained **to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

Their history:

Luk 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him, 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which **ministered unto him** of their substance.