

I. Mischief

v 39 - 44

v 39 *they that passed by reviled him - many* (John 19:20)

The gospels note that only Christ was mocked, not the other two malefactors.

hx: They *passed by* and saw His claim and followed the crowd in mocking him. **Exo 23:2**

v 40 *saying ... If thou be the Son of God*

hx: They used the same words as the devil

Matthew 4:3 & 6

sp: Many today *pass by* the cross by:

1. *reviling* His claim to be God
2. profaning and cursing His name
3. blaming Him for problems in their lives, when they don't know Him
4. hating Him and His Church more than other societal groups, including criminals.

v 41-43 *chief priests mocking him, with scribes and elders*

hx: Leaders - both religious and governmental *mocked the Son of God* hoping to convince the crowd that Christ was an imposter.

sp: Today's rulers vehemently deny Christ's 4 major claims:

1. He is the Creator
2. He is the King
3. He is the only Saviour
4. He is both Son of God and Son of Man

v 44 *the thieves also - at the first* hx: one later repented Luke 23:40-42

sp: we all doubted at first Isa 53:6

II. Miracles

v 45 - 50

v 45 darkness *from sixth unto ninth hour,*

hx: world-wide darkness **Luke 23:44-45**

Not caused by an eclipse, because Passover occurs during the full moon, Exo 12:1-6

doct: Was prophesied in **Amos 8:9**

sp: Portrays our dark condition in sin, from which he frees us - **Ps 107:10-16**

v 46 *the ninth hour Jesus cried - quoting* **Psalm 22:1-3**

doct: during the period of darkness, Jesus was made sin for us, **2 Cor 5:21**

v 47 & 49 hx: They misunderstood His words

sp: Sadly, many folk get close to the cross and wrongly interpret its truth.

v 48 *one gave him to drink* hx: **John 19:28-29** doct: **Psalm 69:21**

sp: A portrait of *one* being saved !

keywords: *straightway* (HB - 42x / Matt - 8x in 6ch) *one* (Mt 3:3, 7:8 Jn 3:8)

hyssop (12x in 7 bk) "*give me to drink*" John 4:7