

“The Cross of Shame”

Matthew 27:32–44

Introduction: The Old Covenant nation of Israel had rejected their Messianic king and handed him over to their Gentile oppressors.

Big Idea: Jesus’ royal glory was displayed even in his shameful death.

- I. The King’s Demeaning Crucifixion (verses 32–38)
 - A. Jesus needed another man to carry his cross. (verse 32)
 - B. Jesus was taken to the Place of a Skull. (verse 33)
 - C. Jesus was taunted with a bitter drink. (verse 34)
 - D. Jesus was hung up by spikes to die in public agony. (verse 35a)
 - E. Jesus’ clothes were the prize of gambling executioners. (verse 35b)
 - F. Jesus’ cross was guarded by Gentile troops. (verse 36)
 - G. Jesus’ charges mocked his rightful sovereignty. (verse 37)
 - H. Jesus’ courtiers were violent criminals. (verse 38)
- II. The Crowd’s Jeering Proclamation (verses 39–44)

In jeering the King of the Jews, the crowd actually proclaimed what the prophets had spoken about him.

 - A. The passersby mocked his divine claims. (verses 39–40)
 - B. The religious elite mocked his divine power, sovereignty, and sonship. (verses 41–43)
 - C. The criminals on the other crosses repeated the same mocking insults. (verse 44)

Applications

- 1) Bring your shame to Jesus’ cross.
- 2) Accept the shame of Jesus’ cross.