

**Introduction:**

1. The cross of Jesus Christ, His suffering and death for our sins is central to our faith...
2. Understanding the reason Christ had to suffer and die...

\*\*The central point in the wisdom of God before the world began... *I Peter 1:19-20*

\*\*It was the judgment of the world... *John 12:31; Acts 2:23*

\*\*It was the definite plan of God... *Isaiah 53:4b, 6a, 10a*

\*\*It was necessary to satisfy Divine justice... *I Corinthians 5 7*

**I. Christ Mocked for the Last Time... vs. 35-36**

**A. *The people did not misunderstand...***

**B. *They perverted Scripture... see Malachi 4:5; Luke 1:17; Matthew 17:12-13***

**II. Christ Died Unto His Father... vs. 36-37**

**A. *He drank the sour wine...***

**1. *What it was...***

**2. *Why he drank it...***

**B. *Having endured the 2<sup>nd</sup> death He prepared to face the 1<sup>st</sup> death...***

**1. He said "I Thirst..." *Psalm 69:21***

**3. Christians die unto the Lord... *Romans 14:8***

**4. Jesus still had things to say...**

**5. He must be a sympathetic and understanding High Priest... Therefore...**

**6. He must consciously face death for His people...**

**C. He said, "It is Finished..." *Psalm 22:31***

**Observation:**

**III. Christ Breathed His Last... vs. 37 see Luke 23:46**

**A. "Father..." *He was conscious of His Fathers favor...***

**B. *He used the language of the redeemed... Psalm 31:5a***

**1. He is a man Himself...**

**2. He speaks of continuing life...**

**Observation:**

3. He proclaims life goes on...
4. His death was only for the benefit of His people... *Matthew 27:51-54*

*IV. Christ Made the Way to the Father known... vs. 38*

*A. The Curtain was torn...*

*B. Consider It's rich symbolism...*

*Application:*