

Matthew 27:32-44

When they Crucified Him

One step closer ...

- I. Toward Golgotha
 - A. The Traumatic Procession

 - B. A Dramatic Pause
- II. To the Cross
 - A. All Around the Cross

 - B. One Central Figure

... to full redemption.

Children, listen ...

1. Who did they make help Jesus carry the cross?

2. What was the sign hanging over Jesus' cross?

3. What were many of the people doing to Jesus when He was on the cross?

4. The people mocking Jesus were saying "let him save himself!"
 1. Could Jesus have saved Himself?
 2. Why didn't Jesus save Himself from dying on the cross?

Undistracted Devotion

The drama surrounding the road to the cross and the final crucifixion is almost unfathomable. When we insert what we know from the other Gospels into what we have from Matthew, the sense of the brutal intensity of those moments increases all the more. When we take in the visuals and the audios together, we can almost be overwhelmed to the point of distraction. The information about the events along the way and at the cross is given to us in the Word so we can better enter into the passion of Christ. However, with all the sensory overload we are subject to, we must not lose sight of the central figure, our Savior Jesus as He subjects Himself to suffering, even death, for our sake. Jesus Christ crucified commands our undistracted devotion.