Matthew

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am — Matthew - Lesson 37
To be discussed –10/19/26; no class on 10/12/26 — Matthew 27:32-66

1. Read Matthew 27:32-44. Why was Simon forced to carry the cross? What was Jesus' condition before he crucified? (v. 26) Why did he refuse the offer of wine with myrrh, which was a mild sedative? What lesson(s) can we learn from him about suffering?

2. What did the soldiers do after they crucified him? (see also Psalm 22:15-18)

3. List the taunts and insults that Jesus endured from three different groups while hanging on the cross.
   - vv. 39-40
   - Vv. 41-43
   - verse 44

4. What irony do you see in their mockery of him? Which do you think was the greatest test of his faith? Why?

5. Read Matthew 27:45-50. What was the significance of the darkness over the whole land? (Exodus 10:21-23, Amos 8:9-10, John 8:12)

6. What was his "cry of desolation" in verse 46? What did it signify? Was he forsaken by God?

7. Read John 19:28-30. Why did he accept the drink of vinegar? How do these verses suggest Jesus was sovereign over the exact time of his own death?

8. Read Matthew 27:51-56. According to v. 51 what happened immediately after his death? What is the significance of the tearing of the temple curtain? What was the conclusion of the centurion?

9. Read Matthew 27:57-66, Luke 23:50-55, John 19:31-42. How do we know that Jesus was really dead? What happened to his body?