

Digging Deeper Study
God's Kingdom Come – Grace for you and me.
Week of September 13th, 2026

Grace for you and me. Matthew 27:11-44 Matthew 27:11-44 ¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “You have said so,” Jesus replied. ¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him,	“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34) Sermon QUOTE Statement: The Goodness of God over comes the Face of Evil. As we reflect on the crucifixion this week it is hard to not notice the great grace that Christ demonstrates as He offers Himself for the Sins of the world. Opening Question: What comes to mind when you think about the Crucifixion? I. Read Matthew 27:11-14 1. How does Jesus’ response speak to Pilate louder than words? 2. Why can words sometimes hinder more than help in situations?
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“Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

II. Read Matthew 27:15-26

- 3. Think about Barabbas. How does Jesus taking His place give us a picture of us on judgement day? Think about the whole scene played out here.**
- 4. How is there hope in this for you and for me?**

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called

III. Read Matthew 27:27-44

- 1. Why did Jesus endure such trials – if He was the Son of God?**
- 2. Does the mocking ring true with some of the ways the Devil throws accusations at us during the midst of trials?**
- 3. What is Jesus' rock that He holds onto?**
- 4. Why does walking by faith prove difficult during certain circumstances?**
- 5. What hope do we have, if Jesus still went to the cross for sinners even in such circumstances?**

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Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is jesus, the king of the jews.

³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' ” ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.	
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