

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 March 2017..... Matthew 14-16 Who is this Jesus?
- 2) 12 March..... Matthew 17-18 Is Jesus Fully God?
- 3) 19 March..... Matthew 19-20 What is Required?
- 4) 26 March..... Matthew 21:1-17 More Than a Prophet?
- 5) 02 April..... Matthew 21:18-46..... What Happens If I Reject Jesus?
- 6) 09 April..... Matthew 22-23 Offered to All?
- 7) 16 April..... Matthew 28:1-15 Where is Jesus?
- 8) 23 April..... Matthew 24-25 What About the Future?
- 9) 30 April..... Matthew 26:1-30..... How Do We Remember?
- 10) 07 May..... Matthew 26:31-46..... Do I Have the Strength?
- 11) 14 May..... Matthew 26:47-75..... Loyal to Whom?
- 12) 21 May..... **Matthew 27..... Crucified for What?**
- 13) 28 May..... Matthew 28:16-20..... What Do We Do Now?

INTRODUCTION

• **Matthew 27.** Besides the Lord's resurrection, we see fulfilled prophecy in Judas' fate, we also see an earthquake, the resurrection of other dead saints, and women playing major roles – all giving credibility to the Bible's truths.

Passage	Comments
Matthew 27:1-10	<p>Can a Greedy Betrayers be Saved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judas seemed remorseful of betraying Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He threw away the money he received ♦ He hanged himself he was so despondent ♦ Unfortunately, other passages predicted his fate. See last week's passages • But, yes, betrayers can theoretically get saved if they honestly repent and humble themselves as a child
27:19	<p>Can a Heathen Wife be Saved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilate's wife makes an astonishing claim of being trouble by her dreams of Jesus • Do only godly people have "prophetic" dreams? • Do dreams have a purpose we can leverage? • When someone says "God gave me a 'word' or a 'dream' – How do you prove it to be of God? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ YOU CAN'T – AND THEY CAN'T. You have to go on blind faith and take their word for it – Which is unbiblical. We are commanded to prove all things • Common Principle on Dreams – Trust in God's objective word and not in subjective dreams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ People receive their dreams while not in full control of their faculties and possibly under the influence of spicy chicken wings ♦ For in many dreams and in many words there is emptiness Ecclesiastes 5:7 ♦ We are not to be fooled by those who take a stand on their visions and dreams..... Col 2:18 • Yes, even heathens can be saved Romans 1
27:32	<p>Why mention an insignificant man who carried the Lord's cross, Simon from Cyrene?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparently, both Luke and Theophilus new this man or new of him since Simon's sons, Alexander and Rufus were known to the early church..... Mark 15:21 Remember the Song – "Watch the Lamb" It is a song about Simon talking to his 2 sons after he carried the Lord's cross • This simple inclusion gives additional credence to this story by Mathew tying another real figure who could verify his participation and his perspective
27:39-44	<p>The negative witnesses of the crucifixion started to mock Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "If you really are the Messiah, come down" ♦ "If you can destroy & rebuild the temple in 3 days,

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	<p>save yourself"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "You saved others. Now save yourself" ♦ "If you trust in God, why doesn't He save you?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are valid statements and questions • Why didn't Jesus respond to them since we are supposed to give to whomever asks of us Mat 5:42 ♦ The answer came on that Resurrection Sunday
27:51-54	<p>Can Cruel Enemy Soldiers Be Saved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v51 – Veil torn in 2 and earthquake • v52 – Tombs opened and dead saints came forth (now that woulda spooked any of us) • v54 – Centurion realized He was God or a god after witnessing all that went on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He saw the sign – "King of the Jews" ♦ He did not hear Jesus cuss or complain throughout ♦ He heard Jesus forgive His tormentors ♦ He probably heard accusations of Him being God or at least being the prophet Elijah ♦ He saw one thief accept Christ ♦ He experienced the earthquake at Jesus' death ♦ He probably heard the reports of the torn veil and dead people walking into town • So, yes, even ISIS terrorists can get saved, like Paul
27:57-60	<p>Can Lawyers & Pharisees Be Saved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph of Arimathea, a counselor/lawyer, asked for the body of Jesus Mrk 15:43; Lk 23:50; Jn 19:38,39 • We know from John 19:39 that Nicodemus, a Pharisee ruler, was with him • BUT, Jesus says that whoever denies Him before men, He will deny them before God; so how can Joseph & Nicodemus be saved since they were fearful of man? ...it was not a life-long denial • Plus, we know from Acts 6:7 that "a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith" • So, yes, even lawyers and Pharisees can be saved

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Anyone can get saved....so be bold and preach to all
- The only ones who fail to get saved are those who willingly and knowingly reject Christ either intentionally or negligently (aka Blaspheme the Holy Spirit)..... [Mark 3:28-29; 1John 5:16](#)

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 28:16-20. The Great Commission is given. How well are we fulfilling that commission?

