

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

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

**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?

