

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?" <p>• These are valid statements and questions</p> <p>• Why didn't Jesus respond to them since we are supposed to give to whomever asks of us Mat 5:42</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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?

