

Matthew 27 ENCORE

- 1) Discuss the cross.
 - a) Jesus was betrayed by everyone.
 - b) Jesus did not commit any offense.
 - c) False witnesses testified against Him (Matthew 26:59-60).
 - d) His accusers repeatedly broke the Law (Matthew 26:65a).
 - e) He was sentenced to death by those with no authority (Matthew 26:66).
 - f) Pilate crucified Jesus even though He was innocent (Matthew 27:13, 18).
 - g) Barabbas was released instead of Jesus (Matthew 27:16, 20).
 - h) People (created beings) put their Creator to death.
 - i) The Righteous died for the ungodly.
 - h) Jesus did not die for His own sin but for the sin of others (a substitute sacrifice).
- 2) Discuss the horrors of the cross.
 - a) The physical pain.
 - b) The spiritual pain.
 - c) The relational pain.
- 3) Discuss the prophecies regarding the cross.
 - a) Messiah would be treated like a criminal (Matthew 26:56)
 - b) The price He was betrayed for (Matthew 27:9-10)
 - c) They gave Him sour wine with gall (Matthew 27:34)
 - d) The means of His death (Psalms 22:11-18, Deut 21:22-23)
 - e) His mistreatment (Isaiah 53)
 - f) His clothing was stolen (Matthew 27:35)
 - g) Jesus repeatedly told His disciples about the cross (Matthew 26:2)
 - h) His followers abandoned Him (Zech 13:7)
 - i) One of the twelve was His betrayer (John 6:70; 13:21)
 - j) His cry from the cross (Matthew 27:46)
 - k) His death outside the city (Exodus 29:14; Leviticus 4:21; Hebrews 13:11-13)
- 4) Knowing all of the betrayals and all of the horrors He would face: what did Jesus do (John 18:4)?
- 5) How would you describe Jesus' mindset in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-42)?
- 6) How does Hebrews 12:2 characterize the cross?
- 7) How could Jesus consider the cross a joy?
- 8) In light of the cross how should you think & act in regards to sin (Hebrews 12:1-4)?
- 9) Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 how did Jesus respond to unrighteous treatment?
- 10) How should you respond when people sin against you (1 Peter 2:18-21)?
- 11) How does what Jesus did on the cross help you understand how to apply John 15:13?