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A Calculated Suffering

Matthew 27:27-50

Introduction: It's undeniable that Jesus's death was unjust, but was Jesus merely a helpless victim of corrupt politics?

Why did Jesus CHOOSE His Suffering?

- To solve your _____ problem. (Hebrews 9:26)

- To break _____ grip on your _____. (Hebrews 2:9)

- To _____ you with God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Conclusion: Jesus suffered and died ***on purpose***, to take your place and pay your debt. How will you respond to this news?

Week 5 Plan to "Make It Stick"

Day One:

-Compare Matthew 27:27-31 with Matthew 27:39-44.

⇒ **Which example of taunting and mocking would have hurt you the most emotionally? Why?**

⇒ **What message were the Romans sending with their actions? What message were the Jewish leaders sending with their taunts?**

Day Two:

-Read Matthew 27:51-56.

⇒ **Which of the immediate results of Jesus's death recorded in verses 51-53 is the most remarkable to you and why?**

⇒ **Would you have reacted like the Roman centurion (vs. 54)? What do you think he saw or heard that won him over?**

Day Three:

-Read Matthew 27:57-61.

⇒ **Do Joseph's actions seem "too little, too late"? Why or why not?**

⇒ **Do you think that Joseph believed that Jesus would rise again in three days, as he had said in 16:21 & 20:19? Would YOU have found it easy to believe, in his position?**

Day Four:

-Read Matthew 27:62-66.

⇒ **Why does it seem the chief priests & Pharisees took Jesus's words about his resurrection more seriously than his disciples did?**

⇒ **What side does Pilate seem to be on at this point?**

Day Five:

-Read 1 Peter 2:21-25.

⇒ **What clues did Jesus leave for us that show us how God wants *us* to respond to unjust suffering in our own lives?**

⇒ **What has Jesus healed in your life?**

What does it look like to "return" to the Shepherd of your soul?