**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**

Matthew 27:11-61

Key Verse: 27:46

1.             How did Jesus come to stand before the governor? (26:57-67, 27:1-2) What was the charge brought against Jesus? (11) How did Jesus respond to the charges? Why (18,19) and how (15,19, 22,26) did Pilate try to avoid executing Jesus? Why did he fail? (20-26). Who was responsible for Jesus’ death?

2.               What did the governor’s soldiers do to Jesus and why? (27-31) What was the ironic truth in the soldiers’ mockery?

3.               Why might Simon need to carry Jesus’ cross? (32) What happened at Golgotha? (33-36) What did the written charge against him mean?(37) What can we learn from these verses and references about who Jesus is and what he did for us? (Compare Ps 22:16-18) (Isa 53:3,4,12; 1 Pe 2:24)

4.              How and by whom was crucified Jesus insulted and mocked (38-44)? Why didn’t Jesus save himself? (1:21, 26:53-54, 1Pe2:23-24) What was the ironic truth in their insult and mockery?

5.              What happened at noon? (45) What did Jesus loudly cry out? (46)  What was Jesus’ deepest agony and his confidence? (Ps 22:1, 7-8, 18) What does his cry mean for us? (Isa53:5-6, 2Co5:21)

6.               What happened at the moment of Jesus’ death? (50-53) What does it mean that the curtain of the temple was torn? (Heb 10:19-20, 1 Ti2:5) What was the testimony of the centurion? (54)  What is the meaning to us and to the world of Jesus’ death?

7.              Read verses 55-61. Who witnessed these things? (55-56) What do we know about the women? Who was Joseph and how was he changed? (57-61) How did he contribute to gospel history?