



JESUS the MESSIAH

IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

A Mocked Messiah

Matthew 27:27-44

Why does Jesus choose to endure suffering and death?

- What He Suffers
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What He Suffers

- After He is condemned to die, Jesus' executioners gather to mock Him
- The cross was the most painful and miserable way the ancient world could develop to kill someone
- As Jesus is dying on the cross, various crowds mock Him

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Why He Suffers

- We don't act based on what we know; we act based on what will give us the good life
- Love is at the center of Jesus' picture of the good life
- When Jesus envisions the good life, the ability to have a relationship with you is at the center of the picture

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What it Means for Us

1. If you are suffering:
 - Even on your worst days, you're not alone
 - Even on your worst days, there's hope for you
2. Jesus' suffering is an invitation for us to catch His vision for the good life and pursue it with Him
 - First step: meditate on Jesus' love for you
 - Change will likely be a slow process, but if you let it continue, the results can be drastic

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