

The Gospel of the King

The Mocked and Condemned King

Mark 15:16-32

The Scene – the Fulfillment of Psalm 22

⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; ⁸ “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws ...

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— ¹⁷ I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Everything that happened was per _____ and _____.

Every detail was _____ in advance.

What appears at first to be _____ and even _____ is actually _____ orchestrated.

The Challenge – “Come down now from the cross that we may see and believe ...”

Would they have ‘believed’?

Would others ‘believe’?

What would they ‘believe’?

Would that ‘belief’ save them?

Jesus could have displayed overwhelming _____ in the face of their battalion.

Jesus could have enacted divine _____ against their crimes.

He could have _____ the tongue of every mocker and reviler.

Jesus could have fit their _____ of what a “god” is by coming down from that cross.

But if He came down, he could not _____ them.

Jesus stayed on the cross to _____ the antagonistic, the violent, the indifferent, and the scoffer, not to _____ them salvation.

The Question – Why then did Jesus die?

Romans 3:21-26

Because God is _____ and sin must be _____ for.

How does God’s forgiveness “work”?

God freely offers us _____, but that requires a _____.

Without it, God forfeits His _____.

That “propitiation” is _____, and we must receive that _____ by _____.

Only by being convicted of my _____ can I be convinced of His _____!

Only by recognizing the rightful, righteous WRATH of God can I see the worth of my _____.

Only by responding in humble, grateful _____ to God’s priceless offer can I be _____.

That’s very different from “come own now from the cross that we may see and believe ...”

My response today: