

## 46—First Three Sayings

Matthew 27:31-44; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-43

1. Before Jesus ever gets to the cross, what kind of suffering has He already faced beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane?

2. The walk to the cross is retold in the following passages (Matthew 27:31-37; Mark 15:20-27; Luke 23:26-31, 38; John 19:17-24). Who is compelled to carry the cross of Jesus (Mark 15:21; Romans 16:13)?

3. As Jesus walks toward the cross, what warning does He offer the crowd in Luke 23:28-31? What is the meaning of verse 31?



4. Every gospel writer mentions the inscription Pilate posts to the cross (Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19-22). How did the Jews feel about this inscription? What did it say?

5. What is done with the clothes of Jesus (John 19:23-24)?

6. What kinds of things are being said to Jesus as He is upon the cross (Matthew 27:38-43; Mark 15:28-32; Luke 23:32-37; John 19:17-24)? What does Luke document Jesus said and why might this be remarkable (Luke 23:34)?

7. What is prophesied about Jesus in Isaiah 53:12? What did Jesus teach we must do to our enemies (Matthew 5:44)? What does Stephen do as he is martyred in Acts 7:60?

8. Who is crucified along with Jesus as He hangs upon the cross (Matthew 27:44; Luke 23:39-43)? Describe the exchange these two men have as they are crucified. What does Jesus say to one of the thieves and what does this mean (cp. Luke 16:19-31)?

9. Though many of the disciples forsook Jesus, who is still standing near Jesus as He is crucified (John 19:25; Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2; Mark 15:40; Matthew 27:56)? What do we know about these women?

10. What special role does Jesus give to John while upon the cross (John 19:26-27)? What kind of example should it set for us that Jesus was thinking of others though facing a great trial Himself?