

They Watched Him

MATTHEW 27

Text: Matt 27:36

(Matthew 27:36) "And sitting down they watched him there;

Introduction:

Review the events up to this point. Jesus was betrayed and brought before the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin then delivered the Lord to Pilate. Pilate then sent him to Herod. Herod sends Him back to Pilate. Pilate pleads for his release but bowing to the pressure he sentenced the Lord to be crucified.

That brings us to our text, on Calvary's hill. The Bible tells us that "They watched him there." Who is it that was there that day? I believe that those that were there that day are a representation of those that are here today.

Notice:

1. PASSERS (COMMON PEOPLE) v.39-40

(Matthew 27:39-40) "And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, {40} And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross."

A. Reviled Him

B. Ignored Him

C. Some today are disrespectful to our Saviour, but many just disregard and ignore Him.

2. RELIGIOUS

A. We're living by manmade religion

John 14:6 tells us the only way to Heaven

(John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

B. It matters not today whether you believe the Bible and the things of God, they are still true, and need not the approval of men.

C. Many today have tried to change the Scripture, and the truths found in it.

It is settled in heaven forever though.

D. Many have attempted to disregard the way of Salvation, but it is settled.

E. Many today have some other way of Salvation, or Saviour, but there is only one.

F. Many deny his being King of Kings but it's settled.

3. BY STANDERS MARK 15:35

(Mark 15:35) "And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias."

A. There are those that are looking on to see what is going on

1. They see Christ on the Cross, but have failed to trust Him and follow Him.

B. There are those watching you today just seeing what all this is about

1. Do they see the crucified Saviour in you?

4. FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS

- A. Mary, His Mother
- B. His aunt
- C. Mary Magdeline
- D. John

1. Thank God for their faithfulness

5. THIEVES

- A. One realized that he was lost
- B. The other died laughing and rejecting the one who could have been a way of escape
 - 1. But his laughing would soon turn into wailing as he stepped into the eternal flames of Hell
- C. One was eternally saved
- D. One was eternally damned

6. CENTURION

A. Was the man that realized who Christ was,
too late.