The Son of God Crucified

#### THE INCONGRUITY OF JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (17-18)

Bearing His own cross (17)

Crucified with common criminals (18)

#### THE VARIOUS RESPONSES TO THE TRUTH OF JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (19-27)

Pilate had the truth and mocked the Jews with it (19-20)

The Jews had the truth and denied it entirely (21-22)

The soldiers had the truth and commodified it (23-24)

John had the truth and served others with it (27)

Jesus was the truth and lived entirely in light of it to the end (25-27)

THE PLAN OF GOD IN JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (23-24)



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **MAIN POINT**

The big idea of this passage is that the Son of God was crucified. And within that, we see the incongruity of the crucifixion, several different responses to the truth of the crucifixion, and the sovereign plan of God in the crucifixion. The main takeaways from these things are to live lives of consistency and trust; consistent with the truth of God and trust in the promises of God.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
- 2. Have you ever heard or read something really profound, news that would significantly change the course of things for you? How did the words of the news compare to the significance of the news?
- 3. How have you been tempted to use that which belongs to God to dishonor God?
- 4. Where has Jesus been misplaced or even displaced? Where is He second when He should be first and where is He absent when He should be preeminent? Are there pockets of your work day or parenting or recreation that are functionally godless?
- 5. When it comes to living in light of the truth, are there any areas where you are tempted to mock people for believing the truth? Where are you denying the truth of Jesus? Have you ever tried to profit from, rather than serve others with, the truth of Jesus? How are you using the truth of Jesus for some specific good, for some specific act of service?
- 6. What do you think of the fact that all the injustices perpetrated against Jesus were ordained by God, and many were foretold by God? How does that level of divine sovereignty make you feel? Are there any ways it impacts your life?
- 7. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

# AREAS OF APPLICATION

- 8. Read the rest of John, chapters 19-21 to prepare yourself for the rest of our time in the Gospel.
- 9. Try to identify one way in which you are living incongruously with following Jesus. Ask God to grant repentance.
- 10. Determine to live wholly in light of the truth. Spend some time considering the primary aspects of your life and test them to see if they are rooted in the reality of the crucifixion, resurrection, teaching, and commands of Jesus.
- 11. Pray about and work toward (re)cultivating a tender conscience in yourself and a brother or sister in Christ this week.
- 12. Serve someone in light of the truth this week. Send a care package to a missionary. Volunteer with TFG. Pick one of the items off of the deacon list and do it with a friend or your family.
- 13. Work through the verses in Pastor Dave's manuscript about God's prediction of the events of Jesus' ministry. Identify one way you should be living differently because of God's sovereign grace in your life.
- 14. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
- 15. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- 16. Adoration. Praise God for being sovereign, wise, and good. Praise God for being omniscient and truthful in all His being. Praise God for being loving, gracious, and merciful. Praise God that He is Savior of the world.
- 17. Confess. Confess any incongruencies, lies, or doubt in your life. Confess any indifference to the suffering of others.
- 18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you. Thank God for giving us His Son, Spirit, and Word. Thank God for providing for you.
- 19. Supplication. Ask God to save someone you love. Ask God to cause Grace Church to stand on the truths of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus forever. Ask God to use our church to honor His name by serving the hurting and lonely.

