



Overcoming in the time of trouble

Remember that troubles and persecutions are going to happen in life.

- All those who will live Godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. - II Tim 3:12

- God makes it rain on the Just and the Unjust. - Matt 5:45

When we have tough times this prepares us for heaven. - James 1:2-4

Just as Jesus was able to endure because of the Joy set before him, we too should take comfort in that. Hebrews 12:2

We will not be tempted beyond what we can bear. - I Cor. 10:13

We can do all things through Christ. - Phil 4:13

We should rest our cares and troubles on God because he cares for us. - I Peter 5:7

The Lord has promised us his care if we will seek first the Kingdom. - Matthew 6:33



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 26:57-27:26

Lesson 25

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 27:27-28:20

Memory Verse — Matthew 27:37-38

When we look at the night Jesus was tried and the following day a number of thoughts will probably come to mind. We see Jesus not answering the accusations brought against him. We see Jesus mocked and abused. We see a crowd that had joyfully praised him with Hosanna to the Son of David, cry “Crucify Him”. We see a group of leaders who for spite and envy delivered Christ for the purpose of death. We see one disciple betray Christ and another deny him. These verses evoke different emotions from us and should cause us to think, but most importantly these verses demonstrate Christ’s love and divinity. In these verses we see both the fulfillment of prophecy from the Old Testament, the fulfillment of Christ own words to his disciples, and we also see how great God’s love for us is in that he would send His Son and allow him to suffer all of those things to redeem us.

We see a number of prophecy’s fulfilled. We see Jesus betrayed for thirty pieces of silver(Zec 11:12) and the money returned used to buy a potters field.(Zec 11:13) We see Jesus when he was accused keep silent.(Is 53:7) We see Jesus smitten and spit upon.(Is 50:6) We see Jesus mocked and insulted.(Ps 22:6-8) Also we see Jesus accused by false witnesses.(Ps 27:12). We see that in these few verses there are quite a number of prophecies that Christ fulfilled.

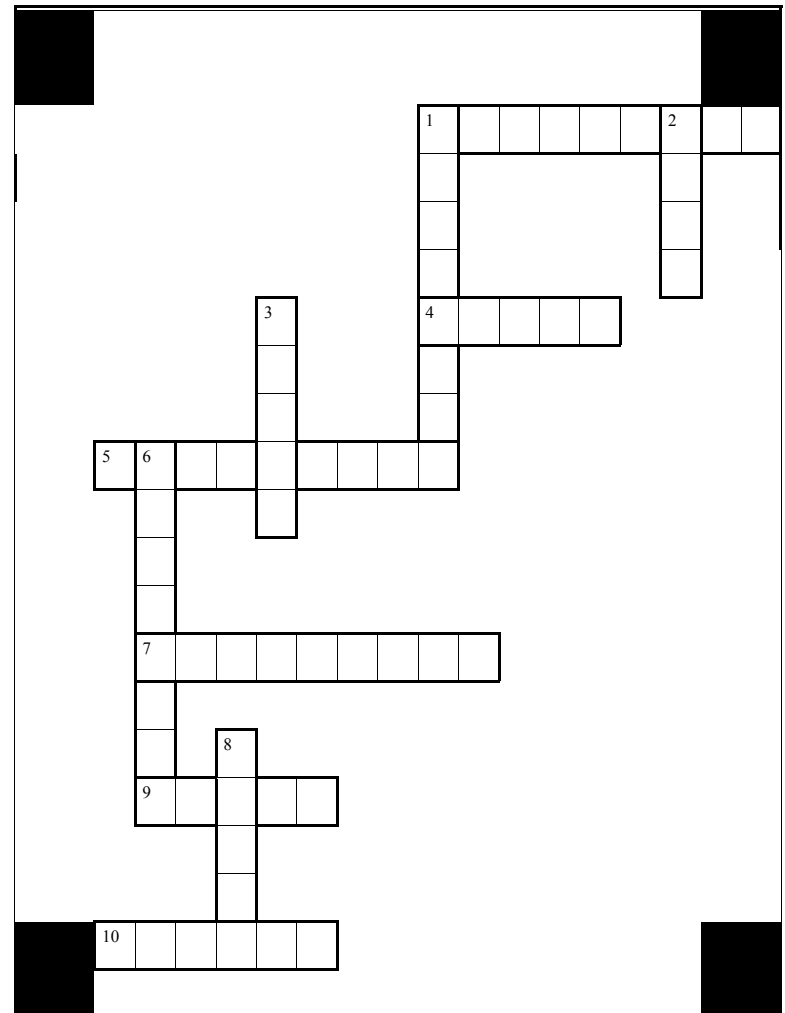
Christ truly was the Son of God. Who else could

have remained quiet to their accusers? Who else could have remained quiet as the people asked for Barabbas instead of Christ? Who else could have taken the reviling, mocking, and cursing and remained silent? Jesus as God's Son knew that these things had to be endured. Jesus as God's son chose to endure these things that He might redeem us. Jesus as God's Son knew what was before for him and knew what was to come was greater than what he was going through. When we read of how our savior was treated we should be moved in our heart that our God would love us so much to allow these things to happen to His Son.

While we feel moved with God's love in that he sent His Son, we probably seem equally moved the opposite direction by the hatred and envy with which the chief priests and elders delivered Jesus. Hatred, envy, and jealousy are some of the worst emotions. One of our prayers should be that we will always have an open heart for the will of the Lord. The priests and elders did not want to know the will of God and did not want to lose their authority and power; however, it was wrong for them to have this attitude. As we daily read God's word we need to keep a spirit which is always saying, "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth." Also we need to keep a spirit that when we are corrected by another we will take their advice and seek to grow from it.

In our lives we are going to face many challenges but if we, like Christ, will think about the joy set before us we can endure. In our lives we will make mistakes, but we need to make sure we have a heart like Peter's that can weep bitterly about it and then change to do better. We need to seek to have hearts that are ready, willing, and seeking the will of God, hearts yearning to know God word. As we live in Christ we should find joy knowing that he died for us and that if we continue to live in him he has promised us a great hope. If Christ could endure all the

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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

1. When Jesus told the priest that he was the son of God the priest accused Jesus of this.(26:64-65)
4. With the money Judas returned the priests bought a field which was called the field of _____.(27:6-8)
5. The high priests sought many false ones of these to accuse Jesus.(26:59-60)
7. The people demanded that Pilate have this done to Christ.(27:22-23)
9. This is how many times Peter denied Christ the evening of his betrayal.(26:69-75)
10. Who was the governor Jesus was brought before?(27:1-2)

Down

1. Pilate offered to release Jesus or this other prisoner to the people during the feast.(27:15-17)
2. Pilate knew that Jesus had been brought before him because of this.(27:18)
3. This disciple followed Jesus from a distance after Jesus was taken.(26:57-58)
6. Judas was sorry because he had betrayed _____ blood.(27:3-4)
8. Pilate's wife told him to have nothing to do with that righteous man(Jesus) because she had suffered many things of him in a dream.(27:19)

Lesson 24 - Across - 1. Peter, 2. Simon, 3. Gethsemane, 6. Angels, 7. Kiss, 8. Bread, 9. Judas

Down - 1. Passover, 3. Gospel, 4. Ear, 5. Alabaster, 8. Blood

things we see him suffer in these verses for the joy set before him, can we not endure what life brings before us so that we can attain to the joy our Lord has prepared for us?

Match the Passage with the Event Passages from Matthew

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| a. 26:57 | b. 26:59-60 | c. 26:63 | d. 26:64-65 |
| e. 26:69-74 | f. 26:75 | g. 27:1-2 | h. 27:3-4 |
| i. 27:5 | j. 27:11-14 | k. 27:15-18 | l. 27:20-22 |
| m. 27:23-26 | | | |

_____ 1. Jesus told the high priest that he was the Son of God and the priest rent his clothes and exclaimed that Jesus had blasphemed.

_____ 2. When Jesus was brought before Pilate he answered him not a word concerning the charges that were brought against him.

_____ 3. Judas threw down the thirty pieces of silver at the priests feet and went out and hung himself.

_____ 4. The priests and elders persuaded the people to request the release of Barabbas and that Jesus be crucified.

_____ 5. Peter was sitting in the courtyard during Jesus trial and when he was confronted as being a disciple of Jesus he denied it three different times.

_____ 6. Peter remembered that Jesus had told him that he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. Peter went out and wept bitterly.

_____ 7. The governor offered to release Jesus or Barabbas to the people because he knew that Jesus had been brought to him out of envy and he hoped that the people would ask him to release Jesus.

_____ 8. The chief priests and council sought false witnesses that they might kill Jesus.

_____ 9. The chief priests brought Jesus before Pilate, the

governor.

_____ 10. When Judas saw that Jesus was condemned he realized that he had sinned and had betrayed innocent blood.

_____ 11. Jesus remained silent at the high priests questioning and the high priest then asked Jesus if he was the Son of God.

_____ 12. Jesus was brought before Caiaphas the high priest, the scribes, and the elders.

_____ 13. Pilate washed his hands and the people said that Christ's blood would be upon them and Pilate delivered Christ to them.

Questions

1. What kind of witnesses did the priests and elders seek? Why did they need these kind?
2. What question did the priest ask Jesus to which Jesus replied? What was Jesus reply? What was the priests reaction?
3. How was Jesus treated by the council that night?
4. How did Peter react when he realized he had denied Christ?
5. What did Judas say and do when we saw that Jesus was condemned?
6. What was done with the money Judas returned?
7. What was Pilate amazed with about Jesus?
8. For what reason did the priests bring Jesus before Pilate? Why did they do this? Because Pilate did not want to kill Jesus what did he do?
9. What did the people request be done with Barabbas? And what with Christ?