



# THE WORST MOMENT EVER

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## Matthew 27:27-44

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup> Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' " <sup>44</sup> In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

## Discussion Questions

When you remember some of the 'worst moments,' what thoughts go through your heart and mind?  
Do you look at the crucifixion of Jesus as one of the worst moments ever?

This is a powerful passage to read.  
What are your first thoughts when reading through this passage?

What caused people to be so cruel to Jesus?  
Are you surprised at the cruelty?  
Why or why not?

How difficult or easy is it to think of God upon a cross?  
Of a God who would be tortured and die for people?

How does remembering what Jesus did by remaining on that cross affect your every day faith?  
How does it affect your every day life?