

MI 3: Crosses & Crowns
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Introduction: The martyrdom of five men in Ecuador

Summary of the Gospel of Matthew so far

1. The **cross** of the Mission (34-39)

Surprise! The Messiah would not bring peace??? (34-37)

Jesus reorients Jewish expectation of the Messiah's occupation

This also reorients the church's expectations for peace and family

Love Jesus supremely!

Take up your cross and die (38-39)

What cross-bearing means and what it does not mean

Losing and finding your life is a great motivation for evangelism

2. The **crown** of the Mission (40-42)

The gravity of the mission:

Christ identifies with His disciples (40)

In receiving the Gospel we get God! (40)

Receiving a *prophet, righteous person, or little ones* (41-42)

The role, importance, and equal reward for all who preach the Gospel
and those who support them

3. Two Evangelism Testimonies

4. Preach Jesus (11:1)

5. Join us for our congregational evangelism meeting downstairs immediately following
and sign up to join one of corporate evangelism opportunities