

Mark 15:16-32
Jesus Died for those who mock Him
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Mockery is Rooted in Pride

Proverbs 21:24

²⁴ “**Scoffer**” is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.

Proverbs 1:22

²² “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will **scoffers** *delight in their scoffing* and fools hate knowledge?”

Jude 18

¹⁸ They [the apostles] said to you, “In the last time there will be **scoffers**, *following their own ungodly passions.*”

Key Idea

Mockery grows from a boastful heart that perceives the claims of another to be empty boasting.

B. The Weakness of Jesus

Mark 15:15

¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having **scourged** Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

II. The Soldiers

A. At the Governor’s Palace

Mark 15:16-19

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns (Cf. Genesis 3:18), they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ And

they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.

Proverbs 1:22

...How long will *scoffers delight in their scoffing*...?

As Matthew indicates, they first disrobed him. This had been done once before, just before he was scourged (Mark 15:15). how terribly it must have hurt him when the robe had been cast around his scourged body. And now again they strip him and then throw around him what was probably a discarded and faded soldier's mantle of a "purple" (so also John 19:2b) hue, representing the royal purple. Here Matthew uses the synonym "scarlet." Since the robe must have been faded, its color did not stand out very clearly, and could therefore be considered either "purple" or "scarlet." Again, how throwing this robe around the scourged Savior must have hurt him!¹

B. At the Cross

Mark 15:20, 23-24

²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they *stripped him of the purple cloak* and *put his own clothes on him*. And they led him out to , crucify him. ... ²³ And they offered him **wine mixed with myrrh**, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him and **divided his garments** among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

Psalm 69:21

²¹ They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

III. Others at the Cross

Isaiah 52:14

...many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹ Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S. J. (1953-2001). *Vol. 10: New Testament commentar : Exposition of the Gospel According to Mark.* (643). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

A. Those who Passed By

Mark 15:29-30

²⁹ And **those who passed by** derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

John 2:18–22

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple**, and *in three days I will raise it up.*” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But *he was speaking about the temple of his body.* ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

B. The Chief Priests & Company

Mark 15:31-32

³¹ So also the **chief priests** with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” *Those who were crucified with him* also reviled him. (Luke 23:39–43)

III. Application

A. Good Advice

Proverbs 3:34

³⁴ Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

Psalms 2:1–6

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and

against his Anointed, saying, ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

B. Good News

Philippians 2:1–8

¹ So *if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,* ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Luke 23:34

³⁴ And Jesus said, “*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*” And they cast lots to divide his garments.