

**“Surely he was  
the Son of God!”**

**Matthew 27:32-61**

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Matthew 27:32-35**

**32** As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

**3** They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “The Place of the Skull”). **34** There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. **35** When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Psalm 22:18**

They divide my garments  
among them and cast lots for  
my clothing.

# **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Matthew 27:36-44**

**36** And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. **37** Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. **38** Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

**39** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads **40** 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!” **41** In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

**42** “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.

**43** He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” **44** In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

# **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**John 15:18-25**

**18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.**

**20** Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

**21** They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. **22** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; now, however they have no excuse for their sin.

**23** He who hates me hates my Father as well. **24** If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. **25** But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Matthew 27:45-56**

**45** From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. **46** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). **47** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

# **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Psalm 22:1, 6-8, 14-17**

**1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? **6** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. **8** “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him.

**14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. **15** My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. **16** Dogs surround me, a band of evil men has encircled me; they have pierced my hands and my feet. **17** I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

“This [v.46] lays the foundation for the theological doctrine of the atonement, in which Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is one of “penal substitution” or “vicarious atonement”- Jesus suffers our punishment for our sin. The wages for sin is death, and in Jesus’ separation from God He experiences deathly punishment for the sins of humanity.”

Michael J. Wilkins

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Galatians 3:13**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written:

**“Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”**

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**48** Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. **49** The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” **50** And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. **51** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**“The curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn in two at Christ’s death, symbolizing that the barrier between God and humanity was removed.”**

**NIV 1984 Life Application Study Bible**

# **“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**52** The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. **53** They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. **54** When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened,

they were terrified, and exclaimed,  
“Surely he was the Son of God!” **55**

Many women were there, watching  
from a distance. They had followed  
Jesus from Galilee to care for his  
needs. **56** Among them were Mary  
Magdalene, Mary the mother of James  
and Joseph, and the mother of  
Zebedee’s sons.

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**“Christ’s death was accompanied by at least four miraculous events: darkness, the tearing in two of the curtain in the temple, an earthquake, and dead people rising from their tombs.”**

NIV 1984 Life Application Study Bible

**“Surely he was the Son of God!”**

**Matthew 27:57-61**

**57** As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. **58**

Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

**59** Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **60** and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

# Teaching Points

- Jesus fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah
- Jesus had to die
- Jesus was dead and was buried

# **Final Thoughts**

**Isaiah 53:3-12**

**3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

**5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

**6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. **8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

**9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

**11** After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.