***Palm Sunday Morning***

**One Unforgettable Friday**

**Matthew 27:20-37**

All too often we talk so casually and so carelessly about the cross, when in reality we know so very little about it. And that’s an unfortunate thing, especially given the fact that that was where and how our Savior died!

**I. Jesus’ To Golgotha** *(vv 31-34)*

Under Pilate’s orders, Jesus was turned over to the execution squad, which according to Roman history normally consisted of \_\_ legionnaires and \_\_ Centurion.

**John 19:16-17**

It is believed that the crossbeam that Jesus carried weighed nearly *\_\_\_\_*pounds which was an incredible amount of weight for someone in His condition to carry.

All of this was nothing less than a carefully orchestrated public \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Crucifixions always took place outside the city and along the main highways, so that people passing by could witness the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of violating the laws of Rome.

Referring to this location, Luke used the Greek word ***kranion***, from which we get our English word “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” The Latin word for cranium is *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****.***

**Matthew 23:37**

At that time, it was thought that myrrh had certain narcotic qualities. And so, it was put into wine for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or sedating an individual.

**Proverbs 31:6**

Notice that Jesus would not drink it because He was committed to taking the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the pain and anguish of the cross!

**II. Jesus’ At Golgotha***(v 35)*

Whileit is true that all ***4*** of the Gospel writers record the account of Jesus’ crucifixion - none of them go into any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about it at all.

The average Christian today has no idea, no concept whatsoever of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the sufferings that Jesus endured as He hung upon the cross.

Crucifixion was considered to be the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ form of death ever invented by man. Everything about it was absolutely horrible!

During Rome’s occupation of Palestine, over *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* Jews were put to death by crucifixion.

Cicero, the Roman statesman and author, described crucifixion as “a cruel, disgraceful, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ death.”

There’s no question about it, while death for Jesus was unthinkable, crucifixion was simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Philippians 2:8**

The whole point of all of this is that the crucifixion of Jesus was the climax of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ history. It was the focal point of God’s plan and purpose for salvation.

Everything culminated in the cross where Jesus bore the sins of the world and therefore, He provides \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all who believe.

**Conclusion:**

***There are only 2 choices that you can make about Jesus: you either*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***Him, or you*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***Him. What will your decision be?***

*“*He was pierced for ***our transgressions***; He was crushed for ***our iniquities***; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. **6**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has ***laid on Him*** ***the iniquity of us all.”***

***Isaiah 53:5-6***

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