

green tree, what shall be done in the dry? (Luke 23:31) was to say, "If they are doing these things to Me, one who has no guilt, how much greater shall be the punishment of those who are guilty?"

There were also two others who were evil doers, criminals that were led with Him to be put to death (Luke 23:32).

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS (Matthew 27:33-36; Mark 15:22-25; Luke 23:33; John 19:17,18)

They took Him *without the camp* (Leviticus 4:12), outside the gates of Jerusalem, to fulfill the Levitical type of the sin offering which Jesus was now about to become (ref. Hebrews 13:12).

1. Where did they crucify Jesus? (Luke 23:33; Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; John 19:17) _____

Christ's presence and death there has transformed it from a place of humiliation and shame into the most sacred spot of all Christendom.

2. What did they offer Jesus to drink on the cross? (Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; Luke 23:36) _____

They offered Him a drink which doubtless, included some narcotic to ease His suffering. This was a fulfillment of prophecy of Psalm 69:21, *In My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink*. He, however, would not shrink from the bitterest dregs of that cup that His Father had given Him to drink and so He refused the potion.

FORTIETH STUDY

JESUS CROWNED WITH THORNS

THIRD ROMAN TRIAL (Matthew 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-20; John 19:1-16)

The scourging of Jesus was predicted by Isaiah (50:6). The Romans scourged with knotted thongs of leather weighted with lead or bones. The Jews limited the stripes to "forty save one," but the Romans knew no limits. *The plowers plowed open My back: they made long their furrows.*

1. After stripping Jesus of His own clothes for scourging; then, they — (Mark the incorrect accounts from Matthew 27:27-31.)
 - (a) They put on Him a scarlet robe.
 - (b) They put a crown of thorns upon His head.
 - (c) They put a reed in His hand.
 - (d) They mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
 - (e) They spit on Him, and smote Him on the head with the reed.
 - (f) They mocked Him, and took off the robe and put back on Him His own clothing.
 - (g) They led Him away to crucify Him.
 - (h) Then they let Him go back home.
 - (i) He had a great reunion at home with His family and His disciples.
2. Pilate made three statements about Jesus in John 19:4-6. What were they?
 - (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Once again Pilate tried to transfer His guilt, by saying, *Take Him and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him. The Jews answered, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God* (John 19:6). (These men would not be satisfied with anything short of the life of Jesus and that by crucifixion.) This was news to Pilate and it frightened him. He took Jesus again into the judgment hall and asked Him, *Whence art Thou? But Jesus gave him no answer* (John 19:9). Pilate wondered at this and reminded Jesus that he had power to crucify Him (John 19:10). *Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above:* (John 19:11). This is eternally true of all of God's children, for our heavenly Father watches and lets nothing come upon us but what he specifically allows.

3. In John 19:11b, what did Jesus say about those who delivered Him over to Pilate? _____

4. What was Pilate's reaction to this? (John 19:12) _____

Then the Jews hinted they would report Pilate to Caesar by saying, *If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.*

5. When Pilate heard that, he handed Jesus over to the Jews and said, *Behold your King!*

5. What hour did this take place? (John 19:14)_____

At the hour of twelve midnight, while the preparation for the Passover was still in progress, they led Him away to be crucified.

ON THE WAY TO CALVARY (Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26-32; John 19:17)

Christ's cross was laid upon His own shoulders and He went toward Calvary, bearing His cross. But weakened by all He had gone through, He was unable to carry it very far. So the soldiers picked out a passerby and placed it on his shoulders.

1. Name the passerby. (Matthew 27:32)_____

2. Who followed Jesus bewailing and lamenting Him? (Luke 23:27)_____

3. Who did Jesus turn to and say, *Weep not for Me, but for yourselves, and for your children?* (Luke 23:28) _____

Jesus, in His hour of personal pain, was thinking of others who were in danger. Jesus warned those who rejected His earthly ministry to "weep for yourselves and for your children." Tragically, this prophecy was fulfilled thirty eight years later during the Roman siege of Jerusalem. Starvation and famine were so intense that parents literally ate their children in a vain attempt to stay alive while the Roman legions tightened their death grip on the city of Jerusalem.

The figure He used, *For if they do these things in a*