

At The CROSS

With The People Who Were There



...with the Hardened Skeptic (the Roman Soldier)

Sunday, March 20 | Tommy Duke
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“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” – Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)

AT THE CROSS WITH THE ROMAN SOLDIER (From Matthew 27)

²⁶“So Pilate... ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. ²⁷ Some of the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹ They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!” ³⁰ And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. ³¹ When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified... ³⁴ The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. ³⁶ Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there.”

FIVE GRACE LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF THE ROMAN SOLDIER:

- GRACE LESSON 1: GOD _____ DRAWING PEOPLE TO HIM.

“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him— though he is not far from any one of us.” – Acts 17:27 (NLT)

*“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”
– Romans 2:4 (NLT)*

- GRACE LESSON 2: GOD _____ TO COME TO JESUS CHRIST.

“Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” – Romans 5:7-8 (NLT)

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” – 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

• **GRACE LESSON 3: GOD _____ ON ANYONE.**

“All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.” – 2 Samuel 14:14 (NLT)

• **GRACE LESSON 4: GOD _____.**

*“The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, ‘This man truly was the Son of God!’”
– Matthew 27:54 (NLT)*

Memory Verse:

*“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
– Romans 10:9 (NLT)*

• **GRACE LESSON 5: GOD _____ TO SHARE HIS GRACE.**

*“For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.”
– Titus 2:11 (NLT)*

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Romans 10:9.
- Accept God’s Grace and commit my life to Jesus for the first time.
- Begin praying about and inviting others to Easter @ FBC on Sunday, April 17.
- Sign Up for Spring Growth Group #_____.

*Join us next Sunday, March 27, as we continue our new **AT THE CROSS** teaching series with *At the Cross... with the Devoted Servant*

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