

The Messiah

a study of the Gospel according to Matthew / 27:32-44

... carry the _____. (32d)

What does it really mean to carry the cross of Jesus?

Carrying the cross of Jesus means ...

1. We will experience _____.

a. This separation is a lifelong _____.

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

Then Jesus said ..., "Whoever wants to be My disciple must *deny themselves* and *take up their cross* and *follow Me*." (Matthew 16:24)

b. This separation is a lifelong _____.

They came to *a place called Golgotha* ("the place of the skull")

... When they had crucified Him, they divided up his clothes ...

Above His head they placed the written charge against Him:

THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. (33-37)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

"... whoever loses their life *for Me* will find it." (Matthew 16:25)

* "If you belonged to this world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to this world, but I have chosen you out of this world. That is why the world hates you." (John 15:19)

2. We will experience _____.

a. This humiliation can come through _____.

Two rebels were crucified with Him ... Those who passed by hurled insults at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to *destroy the temple and build it in three days*, save Yourself ...!" (38-40)

b. This humiliation can come through _____.

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers ... the elders *mocked* Him ... the rebels ... crucified with Him ... heaped *insults* on Him. (41-44)

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you *because of Me*. Rejoice ..." (Matthew 5:11-12)

* ... have the same mindset as Christ Jesus ... He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:5-8)

Before we choose to carry the cross, it is important to "count the _____." (see Luke 9:62)

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