

The Ironies of the Cross



Matthew 27:27-44

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I. The Man Who is Mocked as King is the King. (27:27-31)

A. Jesus is flogged, then sadistically mocked as the King of the Jews.

B. 2 layers of irony-

1. The mockery of the soldiers was in itself, meant to be ironic.
2. While the soldiers mock Jesus as a criminal, the words they use actually tell the truth- Jesus IS the King.



II. The Man Who is Utterly Powerless is Powerful. (27:32-40)

A. Jesus Hung in shame on the cross,
completely powerless.

B. The mockers think they are laughing in
irony, but Jesus' demonstration of power is
displayed precisely by His powerlessness on
the cross.



II. The Man Who is Utterly Powerless is Powerful. (27:32-40)

C. The only way Jesus will save Himself, and others, is by hanging on the cross in powerlessness.

D. God uses suffering and difficult circumstances for His glory and our good. (1 Pet. 1:6-7)

1. Most of us have a personal happiness paradigm, while God is working on something more profound in us- a personal holiness paradigm.
2. The paradox- in surrendering ourselves to God's holiness paradigm, God fills us with deeper joy than we could have imagined.



III. The Man Who Can't Save Himself Saves others. (27:41-42)

A. The mockers are saying that Jesus “saved” many other people but now he could not save himself from execution.

B. The deeper irony is, they were speaking the truth. The only way Jesus could save others was by not saving Himself.



III. The Man Who Can't Save Himself Saves others. (27:41-42)

C. Biblical Christianity results in transformed hearts.

1. We experience a transforming moral imperative: the sins we once loved we learn to hate, and now desire God and His Word.

