

THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE KING

Matthew 27:27–66

It is customary for a good sermon to begin with an introduction of sorts, an attempt to orient the hearer to the text or topic about to be studied. However, there are some passages of Scripture that simply require no introduction. These are sections of God’s word so momentous, so profound, so dramatic, and so captivating that they demand attention with little outside help. Such is the case with Matthew’s inspired account of the crucifixion of the King. It is as climactic as it is devastating, as beautiful as it is brutal, and as sombre as it is necessary. And this passage highlights for believers of all eras and ages that which was *endured* by Jesus, that which was *shown* by what was endured by Jesus, and that which is *demanded* by what was shown.

What Was Endured

- Humiliation vv. 27–29, 35–44
- Affliction vv. 29–31, 35
- Isolation vv. 27, 32, 46, 55–61
2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 2:24
- Expiration v. 50

What Was Shown

- Paradoxically vv. 28–29, 37, 40, 42–43, 47–49
- Prophetically vv. 33–35, 38–39, 43, 46, 48
Pss 22:1, 7–8, 18; 69:21; Isa 53:12
- Providentially vv. 45, 50–53

What Is Demanded

- Choice #1: A deceiver to be discarded vv. 57–66
- Choice #2: A King to be claimed vv. 37, 54