

The crucifixion — Luke 23:26-43
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Introduction

- Which verses from last week's passage spoke about Jesus' innocence?
- What happens to him anyway?

i Concern

- Which verse tells us that Jesus received a flogging at the hands of the Roman soldiers with the result that Simon of Cyrene has to carry the cross in **v26**?
- Do the women in **v27** come across as sincere?
- What do Jesus' words in **v28-31** show?
- What is he referring to?
- How bad was it?
- What do his puzzling words in **v31** mean?
- Which other passage shows our Lord's concern for the lost?
- How should we respond to what we read here?
- What did a crucifixion victim suffer (**v32-33**)?
- What do Jesus' words in **v34** show?
- How should we respond to that?
- How do our Lord's actions challenge us?

ii Contempt

- What are most of the people doing in **v35**?
- What are the Jewish leaders doing?
- For what two reasons are their words ironic?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- Who else shows contempt for our Lord in **v36-37**?
- Why is the “titulus” above Jesus in **v38** also mocking?
- Why is this ironic?
- Which two passages proclaim that Jesus is king?
- How should you respond to this section?

iii Compassion

- What does the word translated “hurled abuse” in **v39** actually mean?
- Which verse shows that the second criminal also abused the Lord for a start?
- What does he realise about himself in **v40-41**?
- What does he understand about Christ in **v42**?
- How does Jesus respond in **v43**?
- In what two ways should this encourage us?
 - (i)
 - (ii)

Conclusion

- Our passage shows us many different reactions to Christ. Which are you most like?