

“Mockers of Jesus” **Selected Scriptures**

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Introduction:

1. While on the cross Jesus was taunted by the people.

“And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross’ ” (Matthew 27:39-40)

“ ‘Men of Israel...this Man...you nailed to a cross’...they were pierced to the heart” (Acts 2:22, 23, 37)

2. While on the cross Jesus was blasphemed by the Jewish leaders.

“In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and the elders, were mocking Him and saying ‘He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. HE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET GOD RESCUE Him now, IF HE DELIGHTS IN HIM; for He said, “I am the Son of God’ ” (Matthew 27:41-43)

“The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7)

3. While on the cross Jesus was insulted by the robbers.

“And the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him” (Matthew 27:44)

“[one of the criminals] was saying, ‘Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom” (Luke 23:39,42)

4. While on the cross Jesus was reviled by the soldiers.

“And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, and saying, ‘If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!’ ” (Luke 23:36-37)

“this Man...you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men...” (Acts 2:23)

“Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’ ” (Matthew 27:54)

5. Jesus’ response to mockers: “Father, forgive them...”

“But Jesus was saying, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing’ ” (Luke 23:34)

“Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter...” (Mark 3:28)

“whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him...” (Matthew 12:32)

“He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors” (Isaiah 53:12)