

“For Whom the Bell Tolls”

Matthew 27:27-44

Getting the Big Picture of the Cross. . .

- Suffering at the hands of humans. . .
 - Jesus was **mocked**.
 - Jesus was **murdered**.
- Suffering at the hands of God. . .
 - Jesus was **forsaken** by His Father.

The Gospel Proclaimed through Mockery. . .

- Jesus is the **King** of the Jews.
- Jesus is the **temple** builder.
- Jesus is the **Son** of God.

Mockery, Jesus, and Me. . .

- When I **mock** Jesus, it reveals my heart.
 - It shows my hostility to the greatness of Jesus’ **claims**.
 - It shows my blindness to the weakness of Jesus’ **ways**.
- When I **trust** Jesus, I can respond rightly to mockery.
 - I can resist mocking Jesus because of my **suffering**.
 - I can flourish amid the mockery of being a **public** Christian.