

Matthew – Part 13

Crucified and Risen

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are concluding an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: Crucified and Risen.

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) Jesus or Barabbas
 - a) Matthew 27:11-14, 15-25.
 - b) Why does Matthew record this part of the story?
 - c) What vital lesson can we learn for our lives today?
- 2) Jesus suffers physical abuse
 - a) Matthew 27:26 – Why does Pilate order Jesus scourged even though he believes Him to be innocent?
 - b) Matthew 27:31 – What is Satan’s plan in inciting all of this physical abuse?
- 3) Jesus brings hope and salvation even in the midst of His suffering
 - a) Matthew 27:32 – Why does Matthew mention the name of the man who carried the cross? (see Mark 15:21)
 - b) Matthew 27:38,44 – What conversation does Matthew omit from his Gospel narrative? (Luke 23:39-43) Why?
- 4) Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures
 - a) 1 Corinthians 15:3
 - b) Matthew 27:45-50 – What is the significance of the cry of Jesus on the cross?
 - c) Peter’s inspired testimony – 1 Peter 2:21-25
 - d) Paul’s inspired testimony – 1 Corinthians 5:21
 - e) Hebrews 9:28
 - f) John 3:16
 - g) What is your response to the wonderful truth that Jesus died for your sins so you can be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life?
- 5) Supernatural signs accompanying Christ’s death
 - a) Matthew 27:50-51a – What is the significance of this event? How does it relate to the words of Jesus from the cross, “It is finished!” (John 19:30)
 - b) Matthew 27:50b-53 – What is the significance of this special resurrection? When did it occur?
 - c) Matthew 27:54 – How is the testimony of the Roman centurion also a supernatural sign? (See Matthew 16:15-17)
- 6) The resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - a) Matthew 27:62-66 – what are your thoughts about the attempts to prevent the resurrection of Christ?
 - b) Matthew 28:1-10 – eyewitness accounts
 - c) Matthew 28:11-15 – attempts to cover up the truth about the resurrection of Christ
- 7) Sharing the truth about Jesus with the world
 - a) Matthew 28:16-20 – why is it vitally important to share the truth about Jesus with the world?
 - b) What encouragement do you find in the promise of Jesus recorded in Matthew 28:20b?
 - c) How are you sharing the Good News with others?