

# **“He Who Would Not Save Himself”**

## **Matt. 27:38-44**

### Introduction

- I. The irony that exists in the world is at times astounding.
- II. Jesus, the Savior, refused to save Himself.
- III. Even when He was mocked, Jesus did not dwell on Himself.

### Discussion

- I. No person was able to take Jesus' life from Him (John 10:17-18).
  - A. There were attempts to do such (Matt. 2:16; Luke 4:28-30).
  - B. The Romans thought that they had the power to take Jesus' life (Matt. 26:52-54; John 19:10-11).
  - C. Jesus had to fulfill prophecies that were about Him (John 3:14-17; Matt. 26:55-56; Isa. 50:6; 53:2-11; cf. Acts 2:22-23).
  - D. If Jesus were alive today, there would still be people that would want Him dead.
- II. Jesus freely and willingly gave His own life (John 15:13).
  - A. By fulfilling the Law of Moses, Jesus freed man from the Old Law (Matt. 5:17-18).
  - B. Jesus was the only person to keep the Law of Moses perfectly (Gal. 3:10-14; 1 John 3:4).
  - C. By so doing, Jesus also freed souls from the bondage of sin (Rom. 6:16; John 8:34; cf. 1 Tim. 1:15; Rom. 5:20; 6:1-2, 12).

### Conclusion

- I. We should all be extremely grateful that Jesus loves us so much that He would not save Himself.
- II. His sacrifice should lead to our repentance and obedience so that we can be with Him (John 14:1-3).