

# **“Another Look at the Cross”**

## **Matt. 27:32-56**

### Introduction

- I. Rightfully so, much attention is focused on Jesus and the cross.
- II. However, there were other individuals that were associated with the cross.
- III. We might be surprised at how we compare to some of those people.

### Discussion

- I. Simon-the man on whom the cross was forced (Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21).
  - A. We really do not know how Simon felt about Jesus.
  - B. His location put him in a position that the cross had impact.
  - C. How many simply are in worship services to please friends and family, but really have no major interest in the cross?
- II. Soldiers, crowd, and “religious leaders”-those that are near to the cross, but are still so far away (Matt. 27:34-44).
  - A. Soldiers-in the shadow of the cross, but do not realize the significance
  - B. The crowd-nearby, but had death in their hearts
  - C. “Religious Leaders”-should have known about the cross, but let jealousy and hatred “blind” them (Psm. 22:1, 6-8, 12-18)
- III. The thief on a cross-forgiven at the cross (Matt. 27:44-54; Luke 23:39-43).
  - A. A man that recognized his own sins.
  - B. A man that recognized the greatness of Jesus.
  - C. A man that wanted salvation.

### Conclusion

- I. What do you think after another look at the cross?
- II. Do you see yourself in some of the ones examined?