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# Matthew 27:27

Some of the governor's soldiers took  
Jesus into their headquarters and  
called out the entire regiment.

# Matthew 27:28

They stripped him and put a scarlet  
robe on him.



# Matthew 27:29

They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!”

# Matthew 27:30

And they spit on him and grabbed  
the stick and struck him on the head  
with it.

# Matthew 27:31

When they were finally tired of  
mocking him, they took off the robe  
and put his own clothes on him again.  
Then they led him away  
to be crucified.



# Matthew 27:32

Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

# Matthew 27:33

And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means “Place of the Skull”).

# Matthew 27:34

The soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it.

# Matthew 27:35

After they had nailed him to the cross,  
the soldiers gambled for his clothes  
by throwing dice.



# Matthew 27:36

Then they sat around and kept guard  
as he hung there.

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At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

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At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

# Matthew 27:47

Some of the bystanders  
misunderstood and thought he was  
calling for the prophet Elijah.



# Matthew 27:48

One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink.

# Matthew 27:49

But the rest said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah comes to save him.”

# Matthew 27:50

Then Jesus shouted out again,  
and he released his spirit.

# Matthew 27:51

At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.



# Matthew 27:52

The earth shook, rocks split apart,  
and tombs opened. The bodies of  
many godly men and women who  
had died were raised from the dead.

# Matthew 27:53

They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.

# Matthew 27:54

The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

# Matthew 27:55

And many women who had come from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a distance.



# Matthew 27:56

Among them were Mary Magdalene,  
Mary (the mother of James and  
Joseph), and the mother of James  
and John, the sons of Zebedee.



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# God's Universal Calls

**{Called to Personal Relationship}**

**[Called to Obey and Follow]**

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**<Called to Christian Service>**

**= Called to Christlikeness =**

**{ [ ( < = Your Life = > ) ] }**



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# Principle #1

**God has called every single one of His children, who have been born again by faith in Jesus Christ, to suffer and sacrifice for Him just like Christ did.**

# Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

# 1 Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.



# **Luke 14:27**

**And if you do not carry  
your own cross and follow me,  
you cannot be my disciple.**

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# **Mark 3:20**

**One time Jesus entered a house,  
and the crowds began to gather again.  
Soon he and his disciples couldn't  
even find time to eat.**



# Mark 3:21

When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. “He’s out of his mind,” they said.

# John 7:1

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him.

# John 7:2

**But when the Jewish Festival  
of Tabernacles was near,**

# John 7:3

Jesus' brothers said to him,  
“Leave Galilee and go to Judea,  
so that your disciples there  
may see the works you do.



# John 7:4

No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.”

# John 7:5

For even his own brothers  
did not believe in him.

# Mark 6:1

Jesus left that part of the country  
and returned with his disciples  
to Nazareth, his hometown.

# **Mark 6:2**

**The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?”**



# Mark 6:3

Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

# Mark 6:4

Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.”

# **Mark 6:5**

**And because of their unbelief,  
he couldn't do any miracles among  
them except to place his hands on a  
few sick people and heal them.**

# **Mark 6:6**

**And he was amazed at their unbelief.**



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# **Matthew 26:67-68**

**Then they began to spit in Jesus' face  
and beat him with their fists.  
And some slapped him, jeering,  
"Prophecy to us, you Messiah!  
Who hit you that time?"**

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“Put away your sword,”  
Jesus told him. “Those who use  
the sword will die by the sword.”



# **Matthew 26:53**

**Don't you realize that I could ask  
my Father for thousands of angels  
to protect us, and he would send  
them instantly?**

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**But if I did, how would the Scriptures  
be fulfilled that describe what  
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# Principle #6

**When you obey God's call to suffer and sacrifice for Him, know for certain that suffering is a reality of this kind of life, a reality that all of us must learn to master before it masters us.**

# Principle #7

**As faithful followers of Christ, we must learn and we must discipline ourselves to keep our faith, our gaze, and our trust in the Lord at all times knowing that none of our sufferings will last forever.**

# **2 Corinthians 4:16**

**Therefore we do not lose heart.  
Though outwardly we are wasting  
away, yet inwardly we are being  
renewed day by day.**

# **2 Corinthians 4:17**

**For our light and momentary troubles  
are achieving for us an eternal glory  
that far outweighs them all.**



# **2 Corinthians 4:18**

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen, since what  
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