



## **For the Life of the World: The Death of the King**

### **Matthew 27:45-54**

Describe a “historical event” that happened in your life time (9/11, JFK assassination, moon landing etc.).

#### **Delve Deep**

Read Matthew 27:45-54

- How long was their darkness over all the land?
- What did Jesus cry out from the cross and why is this statement significant?
- What do you think about the significance of the temple veil being torn in half?
- What are the most extraordinary things about the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus?
- What did the Roman centurion believe about Jesus?

#### **Application**

- 1) The problem of pain is one of the more difficult questions Christians must answer. Many atheists believe that if God is all powerful and all loving then he should prevent bad things and evil. How does the cross demonstrate that God enters into our pain and suffering?
- 2) At the heart of love is self-sacrifice. How is the cross the ultimate sign of love?
- 3) How do we exhibit the same type of love that Jesus displayed to us on the cross?
- 4) In your own words describe what the cross of Jesus Christ did for you.
- 5) In the sermon Chris said we go wrong when we think we have to “finish” our salvation by our good works. How is it much different to obey Christ knowing that he has already “finished” or “accomplished” our salvation?
- 6) What does it say to you to realize that the pagan truly understood who Jesus was but the religious leaders did not? How should that serve as a warning for us?
- 7) Do not answer this question out loud: Take a few minutes to meditate on the cross. Try to see Jesus there nailed to the cross and in agony for your sin. What would you say to him if you were standing in front of the cross? Take a few minutes in prayer to say thank you to Jesus.