

## PATHETIC MARTYRDOM OR POWERFUL VICTORY?

Series: “*SURPRISING INSIGHTS FROM THE LIFE OF JESUS*”, Part 5 of 6

Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 27:45-50

**Big Idea: Rather than being a symbol of a pathetic martyrdom, the cross is a symbol of a powerful victory.**

Matthew 27:45-50, From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” <sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Isaiah 53:10-11, “Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”

Isaiah 53:4-5, “Surely he took up **our** infirmities and carried **our** sorrows, yet **we** considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for **our** transgressions, he was crushed for **our** iniquities; the punishment that brought **us** peace was upon him, and by his wounds **we** are healed.”