

THE MOCKED MESSIAH

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There's truth in an insult.

Mocking and insults are an attempt to turn the truth into a weakness.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus is the Sovereign King who reveals God to us and brings us into the Kingdom of God.

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied. ¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

Matthew 27:11-14 (NIV)

Truth does not need to defend itself.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Matthew 27:27-44 (NIV)

Jesus was mocked and humiliated by five different groups of people: the religious elite, the ruling government, the enforcement authorities, the public, and even the incarcerated rebels.

How Jesus was mocked and insulted:

- **Jesus claimed to be the King of the Jews (Matt 27:11, 29).**
- **Jesus claimed to be greater than the temple (Matt 27:40).**
- **Jesus claimed to be the Son of God (Matt 27:40).**
- **Jesus claimed to be the Savior of the world (Matt 27:42).**

Jesus became the answer to our suffering by sharing in our suffering.

Jesus demonstrated in deed what He preached in His words of truth.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)

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TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Jesus is the King who saves all who trust in Him as the truth by giving them the Kingdom of God.

Jesus is the example we follow.

I don't need to defend myself when I am insulted because:

- I know the truth of who Jesus Christ is.
- I know the truth of who I am in Christ.
- I know the truth that my reward is great in heaven.

When we are secure because we stand in truth, insults are reminders of how blessed we are.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Behind every insult is truth. It may not be all true but some of it may be true. That's why insults hurt. People will insult and mock others to turn what is true about them into a weakness they can use against them.

Jesus endured the mocking and insults of all groups of people. Jesus was able to remain "majestic in silence" because Jesus knew the truth and truth doesn't need to defend itself. While the mockers tried to turn the truth into a weakness, Jesus stood unshakeable in the truth because truth is a strong foundation.

The truth of who Jesus was and the truth of His reward in heaven was the strong foundation Jesus stood on in the face of those who hated Him.

We can also be silently secure when we know who we are in Christ Jesus and that Jesus is our reward in heaven. But too often we make the praise of people or the comforts of life our reward because we take our eyes off of Jesus—who is Truth and the model we follow. We are blessed because our reward is with Christ in heaven.

TALK-IT-OVER:

When have you experienced the pain of insults and words in your life?

What can you learn from Jesus' example about how to respond in those moments?

How secure are you in trusting who Jesus is, who you are in Him, and where your reward lies?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

- Day 1) John 1:1-13
- Day 2) John 5:31-37
- Day 3) Daniel 7:13-14
- Day 4) Ephesians 1:21-23, 2:1-10
- Day 5) 1 Corinthians 15:3-7
- Day 6) Acts 4:9-11