



OneKC2024 wk6: A Mocked Messiah

Introduction: There is a tendency for us to rush through the events from Jesus' trial to his saying, "It is finished." The events in the middle are painful and embarrassing because the crowds that once shouted His praises now mocked Him mercilessly. Jesus endured physical and emotional brutality but even then shows us how to live when people hurl insults at us. As followers of Jesus today, we need to make sure our lives aren't mocking Him once again.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think about the idea that anything worth doing is hard? How is following Jesus both simple and hard?
2. Read **Matthew 11:28-30** What is Jesus talking about when He says his yoke is easy and burden light? Does He mean that following Him will be easy?
3. Read **Matthew 27:27-44** How many ways is Jesus mocked in these verses? Do any of those doing the mocking surprise you? We know that Jesus knew the cross was coming. With that in mind, how do you think the mocking affected him?
4. In the course of 6 days, the crowds went from celebrating Jesus' arrival to cheering and jeering his execution. How do you think crowd or mob mentality affected those present? Why is it hard to go against a crowd, at least publicly?
5. How does public opinion tempt Christians to either be silent or change their minds about things Jesus taught? How can we be respectful of people who disagree while remaining true to our calling and teachings of Jesus?
6. What types of behaviors by those who claim to be Jesus' followers make a mockery of Him? Are there any parts of Jesus response to mockery that should guide you when you feel like you are mocked for your faith?

Shaping Your Mind – *When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:23*

Moving Forward – *Love isn't easy, but it is our directive!*