



Symbols of Relief

Message 3

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► Outline

One of them... filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up... on a reed stick so He could drink.
Matthew 27:48 (NLT)

The reed, sponge and wine expressed

_____ **for Jesus.**

A. Introduction

(Matthew 27:45-50; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37)

B. Compassion for Jesus is expressed through...

1. Concern about His _____.

**(Matthew 27:45-46. C/R: Habakkuk 1:13;
2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)**

2. Caring about His _____.

**(Matthew 27:47-50; John 19:28-30; Galatians 6:2;
Philippians 3:10)**

3. Lord's Supper.

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-26)

4. Conveying His _____.

**(1 Corinthians 2:16. C/R: Romans 12:15-16;
Philippians 1:8; Colossians 3:12-14)**

Answers: compassion **B. 1.** rejection **2.** suffering **4.** attitudes

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you witnessed someone being rejected or mistreated.

Begin Your Study with Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom as you work through this week's teaching.

The Big Idea

The reed, sponge and wine expressed *compassion* for Jesus.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 27:45-49](#).

1. What significance is there that *darkness fell across the whole land*? Why do you think Matthew included this detail?
2. Why did God abandon Jesus?
3. Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Describe.
4. Share a time someone showed you great compassion.
5. Why did some of the bystanders think Jesus was calling for Elijah? For further insight, read [Malachi 4:1-6](#).
6. Has God ever used something awful in your life to bring about something good? Explain.
7. If someone asked you why Christians participate in The Lord's Supper, what would you tell them?

8. Read [Philippians 3:8-11](#). What does it mean to share in Jesus' death?
9. Spend a few minutes in quiet, asking God how He wants you to respond to this week's lesson.

Digging Deeper

The moment Jesus died, a holy transaction took place. God the Father regarded God the Son as if He were a sinner. Jesus was cut off from the Father. As the Apostle Paul would later write, *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

[2 Corinthians 5:21 \(NIV\)](#)

Study these passages and write down what they say about Jesus' death: [John 1:10-13, 29](#); [Acts 2:22-24](#); [5:30-32](#); [Colossians 2:13-15](#).

Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practices put us in a place to experience God and grow in faith. These practices can be incorporated into your ongoing relationship with God.

Write *Jesus died for me* on a notecard. Reflect on this truth throughout the week, and ask God to show you what this means for your life.

Memory Verse

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

[Galatians 6:2 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#) Day 4: [Philippians 3:8-11](#)

Day 2: [Habakkuk 1:12-13](#) Day 5: [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

Day 3: [1 Peter 2:21-25](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Easter weekend, we'll wrap up the series *Easter Artifacts* with a message titled **Symbols of Resurrection**. We'll take a closer look at the stone, spices and linen wrappings to see how Jesus is truly alive! To prepare read [John 20:1-10](#).



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