

**Embrace the Cross:  
The Cross and the Sneering  
Matthew 27:38-44**

**I. Background**

- A. The Scheme - Matthew 27:1**
- B. The Sorrowful - Matthew 27:3**
- C. The Suicidal - Matthew 27:5**
- D. The Sacrilegious - Matthew 27:6-8; Zechariah 11:12-13**
- E. The Suspect - Matthew 27:11**
- F. The Silent - Matthew 27:12**
- G. The Schemer - Matthew 27:15-18; Matthew 27:20-23**
- H. The Spineless - Matthew 27:24-25**

**II. Three Different Crowds - Matthew 27:38-44**

- A. The Throne**
- B. The Throng - Matthew 27:41-43**
- C. The Thieves - Matthew 27:44; Luke 23:39-43**