

“THEY WATCHED HIM THERE”

INTRODUCTION

- I. Often times, certain words or phrases become the title or subject of an interesting lesson—such as in Matt. 27:36, “They Watched Him There”.
 - A. Some terms are found in 2, 3, or all 4 gospel accounts, but this term is found only in the book of Matthew.
 - B. The NKJ reads, “kept watch over him there”—probably refers to the soldiers who had just divided His garments (v. 15).
 1. Sometimes it may mean just “watching over.”
 2. Sometimes it may mean simply “observing”, or “seeing.”
 - C. There is a beautiful song in some hymnals entitled, “They Watched Him There.”
- II. Looking at the KJV, let's see who **all** “watched” Jesus the day of His crucifixion.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, the SOLDIERS watched Him—as we observed.

- A. They were just doing their job (duty).
- B. They watched His death. Mk.15:15-20; Jn.19:31-34

II. 2nd, the TWO THIEVES. Mk.25:38,44; Lk.23:39-43

III. 3rd, the PASSERS BY. Mt.27:39; cf Mk.15:29f

IV. 4th, the CHIEF PRIESTS. Mk.15:31-32

V. 5th, the SCRIBES and ELDERS. Mt.27:41

VI. 6th, the DISCIPLES.

- A. Some disciples did **not** watch. Mt.26:31-35,56
 1. Judas—who had already left to identify Jesus before his own death. Jn.13:21-27; Mt.26:47-50, 58; 27:3-5
 2. A young man (disciple). Mk.14:50-52
- B. Some disciples who **did** “watch.”
 1. A young man? Mk.14:51f
 2. Peter. Mt.26:58
 3. John. Jn.19:35
 4. Joseph and Nicodemus. Jn.19:38f

VII. 7th, some ACQUAINTANCES. Lk.23:49

VIII. 8th, the CENTURION. Mt.27:54; Mk.15:39, 44f; Lk.23:47

IX. 9th, some WOMEN. Mt.27:55f; Mk.15:40

X. 10th, MARY the mother of Jesus. Jn.19:26f, 23f

- A. Jesus sometimes wore various “robes” in mockery. Mt.27:28,31; Lk.23:11; Jn.19:5
- B. Jesus' COAT (Gr. *chiton*) =inner garment (tunic, NKJ), possibly woven by His mother, and surely every movement of the needle done with love and hope. Lk.1:23f; 21:15-19

XI. 11th, ANGELS (possibly). Cf Mt.4:11; 26:53; 1Pe.1:12; Ep.3:10

XII. 12th, GOD. Mt.26:39; 27:46; He.5:7f; Mt.26:51-54

CONCLUSION

- I. How would **you** be watching—if you were at the crucifixion? What would you have seen?
- II. Exhortation.