

# *Gambling for the Garments of Christ*

Matthew 27:33-37

# I. They were Reckless Concerning Redemption.

## A. They were near Jesus, but far from salvation.

*John 3:14-15; as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
<sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## B. They knew facts about Him but ignored the truth.

*"THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."*

## C. There will always be those reckless with Jesus.

**D. Even these solders fulfilled the Scriptures.**

**Psalm 22:16-18; *For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;***

***<sup>17</sup>I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.***

***<sup>18</sup>They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.***

**John 3:36, *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.***

## II. They were Occupied Only with Outward Things.

- A. They wanted the clothes of Christ, but not Him.
- B. Many are occupied with things 'about' Christ.
- C. They were close to the truth, but missed it altogether.

Acts 24:25, *“Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”*

- D. Some are active in church, but not alive in Christ.

# III. They were Careless with the Clothes of Christ.

A. God was man's first tailor, from skins of animals.

B. Before Christ, we were clothed in rags.

*Isaiah 64:6, But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness's are like filthy rags;*

# Romans 3:10-18

***10"There is none righteous, no, not one;***

***11There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.***

***12They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable;  
There is none who does good, no, not one."***

***13"Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced  
deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";***

***14"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."***

***15"Their feet are swift to shed blood;***

***16Destruction and misery are in their ways;***

***17And the way of peace they have not known."***

***18"There is no fear of God before their eyes."***

**C. New clothes are provided to those who trust in Christ.**

**Isaiah 61:10**

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
My soul shall be joyful in my God;  
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

**John 14:6; Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**John 1:12 & 13; But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

**<sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

## John 3:16-18;

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*<sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*<sup>18</sup>“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*