

# **S.O.H.L.**

## **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

**March 21, 2016**

### **Events leading to Easter (Pt. 3 of 4)**

**MATTHEW 27:30-31 NKJV – (30)** Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. **(31)** And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

**MATTHEW 27:45-50 NKJV – (45)** Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. **(46)** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" **(47)** Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" **(48)** Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. **(49)** The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." **(50)** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

**THE BEATING, HIS DEATH AND BURIAL.** Everyone dies eventually. To many people, Jesus' death may not seem extraordinary. But His was the most important death ever to occur. In fact, it is essential to our salvation. Amazing as all this is, it is even more amazing to realize that He came to earth knowing all along that He would have to die for the sins of others. The Creator took the form of that which He had created, in order to suffer as a sacrifice to save His own creatures. If Jesus had not died, none of us could be forgiven of sins. We would all have to die for our own sins (Rom. 6:23). We can be saved only because Jesus died for us. Jesus' disciples prepared the body for burial and placed it in the cave tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. The Jews remembered that Jesus had promised to rise from the dead. So with Pilate's permission, they sealed the stone over the entrance and placed guards outside to make sure the body did not leave the tomb.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
MATTHEW 27:46

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
Jesus loves you and it's proven through this message!