

Matthew 27:39-44 (ESV)

³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

SERMON NOTES
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Square Pegs and the Painful Truth of Christianity

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We can follow the ways of this world, but nothing there will prepare us for the highest honor of Christianity: the privilege of _____ in His _____.

I. Being the Minority

True Christianity has never changed anyone as a result of political strength nor by the favor of the majority. We are never more like Christ than when we forego such power for _____ and _____.

II. Being Mocked and Ridiculed

Jesus defined the "win" for us as Christians: when we are being _____ and _____ and hated by the world, we are probably getting it right.

III. Being Misunderstood

The world has no frame of reference whatsoever to understand a gospel-centered value system which _____ through the centuries. If we follow Christ correctly, we will be misunderstood.