



## **LIFELINE Discussion Guide**

**Week of January 9, 2023**

1. Read Matthew 27:32-44. Who were the three different groups of people who reviled and mocked Jesus even while He was hanging on the cross?
2. We might expect ordinary or worldly people to say hurtful, crass, or insensitive things to Jesus as He was dying on the Cross. But it seems the religious leaders set aside all their decorum as they joined in the mocking. Why were they so happy to see Jesus be killed?
3. The religious elites mocked Jesus saying that He could save others, but couldn't save Himself. Was Jesus really weakened by the Cross? Was He incapable of coming down like they claimed? Explain your answer.
4. These religious teachers mocked Jesus for claiming to be the King of the Jews. But Jesus REALLY WAS the promised King. What were some of the "kingly" requirements that Jesus fulfilled by His life and family lineage?
5. These leaders claimed that God turned His back on Jesus – and that Jesus couldn't possibly be the Son of God. Read Luke 9:34-36. What was God's opinion of Jesus in this special revelation to the disciples? (See also Matthew 3:17)
6. God gave specific testimony about Jesus that every person needs to hear. Explain the gospel message from 1 John 5:11-12. Does a person need to 'walk an aisle' at church, sign a commitment card, or raise their hand in order to be saved? What do they need to do? \*Hint: see Romans 10:9-10\*
7. Since all these accusations against Jesus were false, how does the truth of Jesus on the cross make us love Him and worship Him all the more?