

# GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

## GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF OF PREJUDICE

### MATTHEW 27:27-44



### The Heart of the Matter

In the twenty-first century many wouldn't think that prejudice is all that common or at least not that prominent an issue. But those who think like that haven't been the brunt of prejudicial treatment or comments. To the surprise of many, prejudice is also woven into the fabric of the Gospel accounts. On several occasions, Jesus and His followers were the target of ill treatment that grew out of preconceived judgments from others. No matter where we travel or live, regardless of which group or stratum of society we may represent, this ugly reaction will periodically emerge.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Prejudice Defined and Observed

Having a technical definition of prejudice is helpful, but some general observation about its reality is enlightening.

#### 2. Its Presence in Jesus's Day

The term *prejudice* doesn't appear in the Bible, but the reality is seen geographically, politically, and religiously.

#### 3. Prejudice at the Trials and Crucifixion of the Savior (Matthew 27)

Looking at an extreme example of prejudice we can see where it emerged, what it caused, and how Jesus dealt with it.



### Starting Your Journey

Because the human heart is sinful we cannot escape some prejudice, but instead of focusing on our sin we should focus on Christ — the Savior who can take away our sin of prejudice.



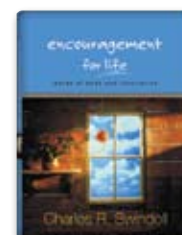
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