

# Lesson 33

Where on earth is God? | Matthew 27

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## START MEETING

- Has there been a time when you have doubted God's existence or God's goodness? Why so?

## READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

1. Read through the events of Jesus's trial, from Matthew 27:1 - 50 slowly and reflectively. What is it that strikes you about Jesus? About people
2. The events of Matthew 27 reveal the ordinary ways in which evil takes hold of people, in the examples of the religious leaders, Pilate, the people of Jerusalem, and the soldiers. Do you see such parallels in your life, or in the world today?
3. Jesus was taunted by various groups while He hung from the cross, which parallels Satan's temptation in Matthew 4. Why did He not respond to their demands? How might you have reacted in His shoes?
4. Read Isaiah 53:1 - 10. How has Jesus fulfilled the words of this Old Testament passage? How does Isaiah 53 help you understand the significance of what Jesus did on the cross.

## MATTHEW: THE DISCIPLEMAKER MANUAL

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Sermon Series  
Bible Study

## PASSAGE FOCUS

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Because of what  
Jesus had done on  
the

## STUDY GUIDE

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### LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

### REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

### SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

## **Close meeting**

- When you go through difficult challenges and tests of faith, what perspective do you normally adopt? Is it aligned with God's word?
  
- The sermon works out the implications of a redemptive perspective, which is:
  - 1) God's power in powerlessness
  - 2) God brings justice out of injustice
  - 3) God's presence in God-forsakenness
  - 4) God's brings goodness out of evilWhich implication do you think applies the most to your life, and why?