

When Dad Plays

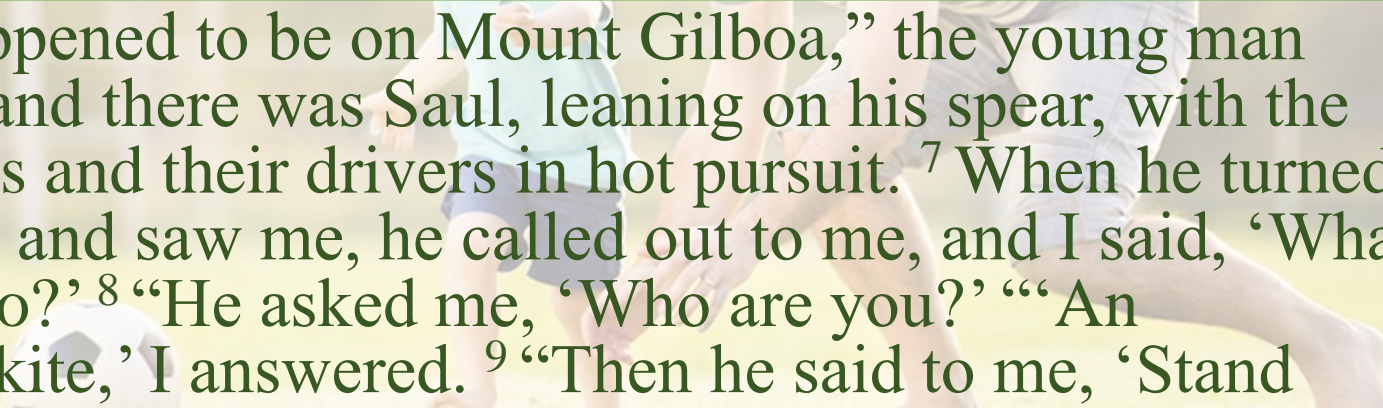


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2 Samuel 1 (NIV)

1 After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days. ² On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honor. ³ "Where have you come from?" David asked him. He answered, "I have escaped from the Israelite camp." ⁴ "What happened?" David asked. "Tell me." "The men fled from the battle," he replied. "Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead." ⁵ Then David said to the young man who brought him the report, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

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A photograph of a man and a young boy playing soccer on a grassy field. The man, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is leaning over and reaching for a soccer ball. The boy, wearing a light blue shirt, is standing nearby, looking at the ball. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

⁶ “I happened to be on Mount Gilboa,” the young man said, “and there was Saul, leaning on his spear, with the chariots and their drivers in hot pursuit. ⁷ When he turned around and saw me, he called out to me, and I said, ‘What can I do?’ ⁸ “He asked me, ‘Who are you?’ ““An Amalekite,” I answered. ⁹ “Then he said to me, ‘Stand here by me and kill me! I’m in the throes of death, but I’m still alive.’ ¹⁰ “So I stood beside him and killed him, because I knew that after he had fallen he could not survive. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band on his arm and have brought them here to my lord.”

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¹¹ Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them. ¹² They mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. ¹³ David said to the young man who brought him the report, “Where are you from?” “I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite,” he answered. ¹⁴ David asked him, “Why weren’t you afraid to lift your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?” ¹⁵ Then David called one of his men and said, “Go, strike him down!” So he struck him down, and he died. ¹⁶ For David had said to him, “Your blood be on your own head. Your own mouth testified against you when you said, ‘I killed the LORD’s anointed.’”

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¹⁷ David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸ and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):
¹⁹ “A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel. How the mighty have fallen! ²⁰ “Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice. ²¹ “Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, may no showers fall on your terraced fields. For there the shield of the mighty was despised, the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.
²² “From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

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²³ Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and admired, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. ²⁴ “Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold. ²⁵ “How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights. ²⁶ I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. ²⁷ “How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!”

David Got News Of Saul's Demise



1 Samuel 31:3-5 (NIV)

³ The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically.

⁴ Saul said to his armor-bearer, “Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me.” But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. ⁵ When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him.

⚽ David Got News Of Saul's Demise

⚽ David Grieved Over The Death Of Saul



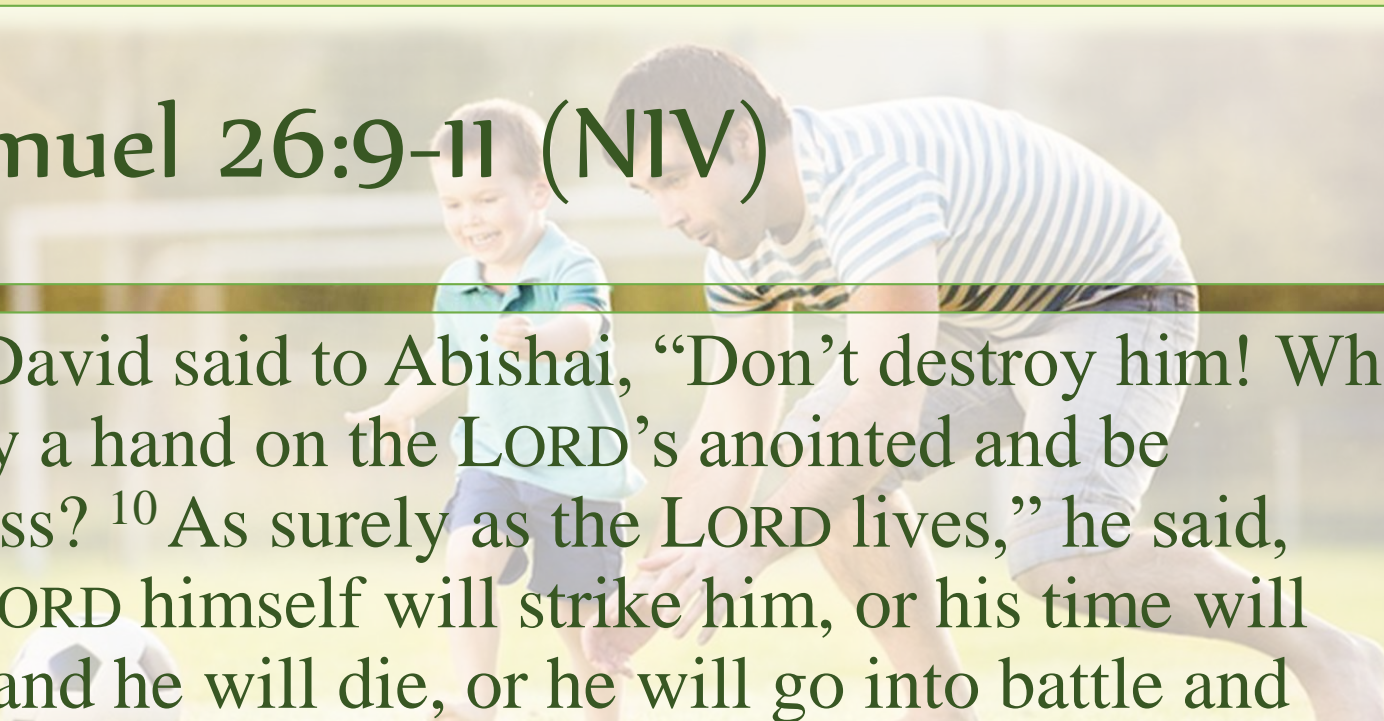
Implications

⚽ David Was Different

⚽ David Waited For God's Plan



1 Samuel 26:9-11 (NIV)

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⁹ But David said to Abishai, “Don’t destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD’s anointed and be guiltless? ¹⁰ As surely as the LORD lives,” he said, “the LORD himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. ¹¹ But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD’s anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let’s go.”

Psalm 25:5 (ESV)

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.



Implications

- ⚽ David Was Different
- ⚽ David Waited For God's Plan
- ⚽ David Genuinely Respected Saul



Implications

⚽ David Was Different

⚽ The Difference Derived From Awe Of God



A man in a blue and white striped shirt and white shorts is crouching on a grassy field, interacting with a young boy in a light blue polo shirt and dark shorts. They appear to be playing soccer, with a white ball visible on the grass. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV)

¹⁰ David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. ¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Psalm 139:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!



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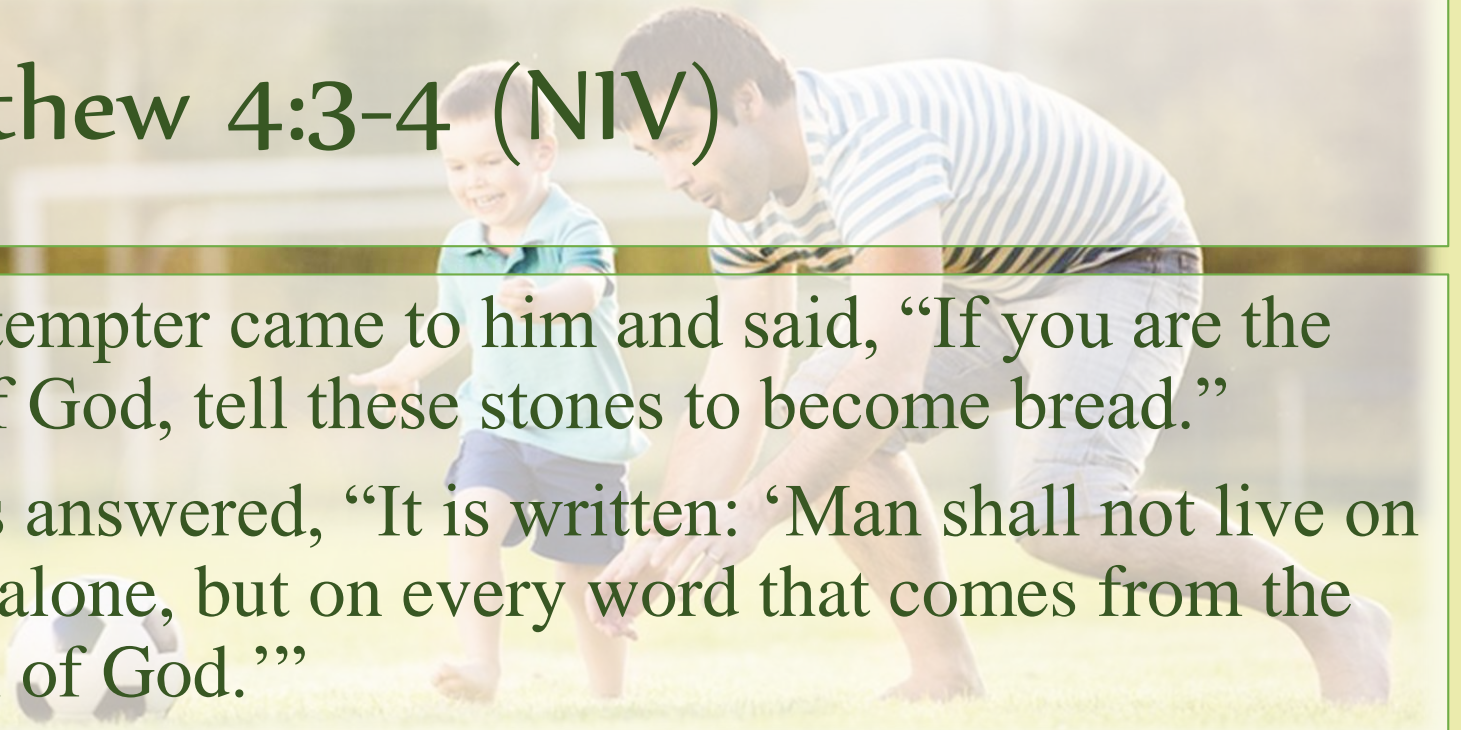
⚽ Those Who Know God Will Be Different

⚽ They Care More About Obedience Than Outcome

Matthew 4:3-4 (NIV)

³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”



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⚽ The Difference Derived From Awe Of God

⚽ Those Who Know God Will Be Different

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⚽ They Live In Peace

Psalm 91:1 (NIV)

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.



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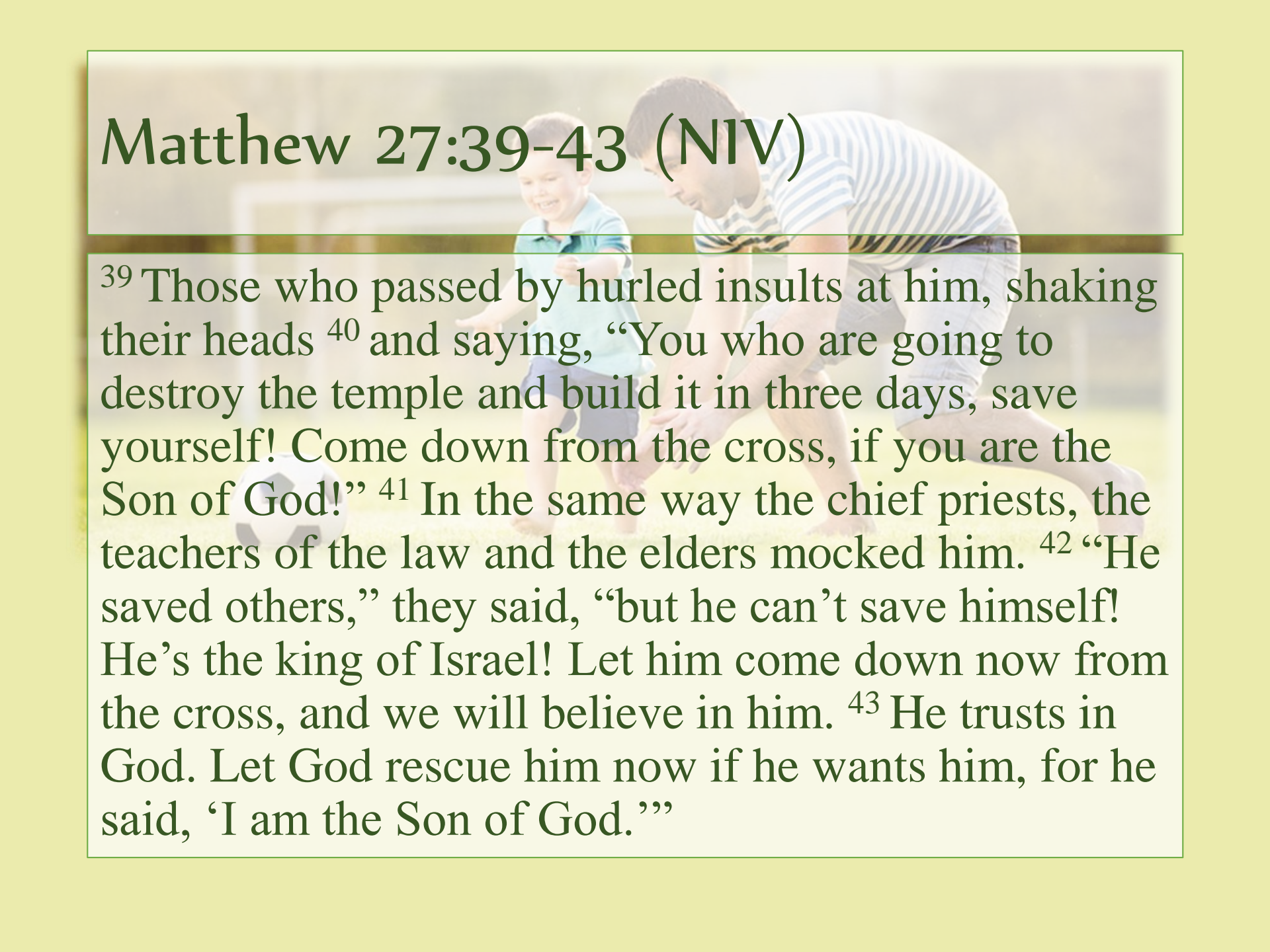
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⚽ They Relate To Others Differently

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Matthew 27:39-43 (NIV)

³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,



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