

For the week of March 18, 2018
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Love So Amazing

Sixth week in the series: *The Final Hours*

Matthew 27:33-56

There were human reasons for the death of Jesus, but there were also divine reasons. The crucifixion narrative in Matthew is pregnant with clues that more is going on than meets the eye, and if we pay attention to those clues, they will lead us to love incomprehensible.

Discussion Questions:

1. Reflect on the manner in which Jesus brought in the kingdom of God—by submitting to a brutal and degrading death.
2. How do you think you profit from the death of Jesus? Consider Galatians 3:27.
3. Consider the temptation that Jesus faced to come down from the cross and what it means that he stayed on the cross for you.
4. What do you think of the Father's response—or non-response—to the cry of his Son in Matthew 27:46?
5. How does the cry of Jesus on the cross resonate with your own cries of the heart?
6. After reading the crucifixion narrative, what strikes you about the way Jesus died?