## Matthew 27:41-42

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[0:00] We will return to the chapter we read together. Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 27 and verse 41 and 42.

Matthew 27 verse 41 and 42. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him with the scribes and elders said, He saved others, himself he cannot save.

If he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross and we will believe him. He saved others, himself he cannot save.

But before I start speaking about this verse, saying that we have a few young ones, I would like to tell them a story I heard many years ago.

It was about a man and a wife and they had one son. And the man lost his wife and then there was only the man and his son.

[1:16] They took on a maid to help, looking after the house and cooking and also the laundry. And the man was sad when he lost his wife.

And his son was a very bright boy. He studied well and went to college and university and became a pilot in the airport.

And the man was a very bright boy. And the man was a very bright boy. But sadly, he was killed in action. And the old man was very, very sad. But life had to go on and he kept the maid with him.

And then the old man got old and frail and he died. But before he died, he made a will.

And he left it in the care of some friend. And the friend said that all his belongings had to be sold first, everything that was in his big house.

[2:23] And whatever he had on the land had to be sold. And then when everything was sold, the will would be read out.

So on the day of the funeral, then the will was read. There was a big sale in the house a few days after that.

And then the will was read. But this maid, he had, was very keen on getting a picture of the boy. She said I'm growing up with them and studying and going to university and then becoming a pilot.

And she was very fond of the father and mother and also of the boy. So she decided she would buy a picture of the boy.

And she found the stall where the picture was. And it was only a few shillings anyway. And she had that in her purse and she bought. Then she decided she would wait till the sale was over.

[3:34] And then the will would be read. And when the will was read, the old man had put in the will. Whoever bought the picture of the son, That would be the ear to everything he had.

He thought a lot of his own son. And he knew that whoever bought the picture of his son loved his son too. And we are fortunate that Jesus Christ gave us his son.

And when we come to him in prayer, The name Jesus is sweet in our ears. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear.

Soothes his throats. Heales his wounds. And takes away his fears. And his music to the God who created us.

When we come to him in the name of Jesus Christ, his son. There is no other name that he'll listen to our prayers.

[4:45] If we don't come in the name of Jesus Christ. That's how we end our prayers always. For Christ's sake. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

And we know that God will listen to us. If we put our thrust in his son and in his son alone. For he was the one that went to a cross on Calvary for us.

And opened our way out. So that we would, at the end of life's journey here on earth, Be with him and with the Father and the Holy Ghost forever.

So when we come to God in the name of Christ, He'll listen to our prayers. So we'll return to the text now. And it says in verse 42, He saved others.

Himself he cannot save. Here we have the first part is the truth. But the second part, They were wrong with what they said.

[5:54] He saved others. So we'll concentrate first on what they said. First he saved others. And he saved Jairus' daughter.

She was an only daughter, about 12 years old. And her father came to Jesus. He was very concerned because his daughter was on deathbed.

And he wanted Jesus to come to his house. He was the ruler of a synagogue. And he fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded with him to come to his house.

And Jesus, of course, he was healing as he was going along. And then word came that the daughter had died. But Jesus comforted them and said, You know, that she was only asleep.

And when he went to the house, He took Peter, James and John with him. And the father and mother of the last Ian. With a word of his power, She was restored back to health and strength.

[7:11] He was restored. She was restored. He had power to raise her up from the dead again. And by this, he saved others.

He saved Jairus' daughter. And he restored her back to health and strength. And he also restored the widow's son.

And the poor old woman would have been in sorrow because her son, her mainstay, was dead now.

And there was a crowd with her. And Jesus had compassion on her. And he stopped by her.

And he put his hand out. And he told the son to rise. Young man, arise. And so it was.

[8:31] She was comforted. Or restored her son back to life again. Then great fear came over the people.

And they believed that a great prophet had risen up and that God had remembered his people. He saved the widow's son.

He saved the widow's son. This was another thing. He could save others. And then he restored Lazarus back to life again.

He was already four days dead and in the grave. But when Jesus got word, he stayed another two days in the place he was in.

And then he went. And by the time he reached, he was four days in the grave. Lazarus was the brother of Mary and Martha.

[9:40] Jesus loved the three of them. They sent word that that brother was sick. But he stayed two days where he was. And when he came to the place where Lazarus was laid, he had laid in the grave four days.

Jesus said, Take away the stone. And called with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out. And he came out, bound by hand and foot, with the grave cloth.

Many of the Jews believed in him. Lazarus came out with the grave cloth.

And Lazarus had to put them on again. But the great news we have tonight is that when Jesus rose triumphant over death on the grave, he left these cloths inside the tomb.

And he had, he wouldn't wear them ever again. What a great saviour and a redeemer we have. Jesus saved others.

[10:56] And he saved the disciples twice when they were in the storm. First of all, he saved them when he was asleep in the stern of the boat with his head on a pillow.

And the water was lapping over into the boat. And when they woke him up, he called for Akkan to come and immediately the calm came.

The calm came. And what I was thinking of when I was putting these bits and pieces together was Jesus was asleep.

But the disciples were asleep in Gethsemane, in the garden of Gethsemane, when they should have been awake. When they should have been awake.

Jesus Christ knew that it was in the waters and the storm of that sea that would put an end to his life here on earth.

[12:05] It was a greater storm waiting for him at Calvary when the wrath of God would come upon him for the sins of his own people. that he would take the sins on himself.

Jesus Christ knew that was what would put an end to his life and not the waves of that look that night. But when he wanted and needed wants to be praying with him in the garden of Gethsemane, his disciples were found asleep each time he came back to see them.

But there was no sleep coming into the eyes of the Savior that night. He was perplexed in soul knowing what was ahead of him.

But the joy that was ahead of him he knew that he had to go through this what was ahead of him so that his own people would have the joy of salvation in time and in eternity.

So he saved others and then they said he cannot save himself. That's what he said and this is where they went wrong.

[13:30] he said others he said others himself he cannot save.

And we know when he was preaching in his own synagogue that they thought a lot of him and of his preaching but then he started saying to them get the page he was preaching one day in Nazareth in the synagogue there and the listeners were amazed at the gracious words he was preaching but he told them no prophet is accepted in his own country.

So if you turn to Matthew Luke chapter 4 verse 24 Luke 4 and he said verily I say unto you no prophet is accepted in his own country but I tell you our truth many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias when the heavens were shut up three years and six months when the great famine was through to all the land but to none of them was Elias sent save unto Sarebta the city of Sidon and to one woman that was a widow and many lepers were in Israel in the time of

Elisha the prophet and none of them was cleansed saving Naaman the Syrian and all they in the synagogue when they heard these things were filled with wrath and rose up and thrust him out of the city and led him into the brow of the hill whereon the city was built that they might cast him down headlong but he passing through the midst of them went his way so here we see that he could save himself and he saved himself from that mob that day they were wrong in saying that that these words and then there's another story of after the miracle of the five loaves and the two fishes after feeding the multitude of people they gathered twelve baskets of fragments

Jesus perceived that the men would come and take him by force to make him a king he departed again to a mountain by himself he saved himself from becoming a king among them he didn't want to be an earthly king this is John chapter 6 verse 14 if you want he saved himself from being a king here on earth the thing is this crowd was wanting him and shouting crowning and crown him but then there was another mob shouting crucify so quickly the shouts changed from crowning him to crucifying he didn't want this crown like the crown of

Herod he didn't want that he had his own kingdom and he'll have many crowns he had to go to the cross on Calvary to save his people from their sin this is what God the father wanted him to do this was Christ who knew the blessings of heaven the joy and the peace that goes past all human understanding this was the Christ that knew all this before he took on before he became man and here he was despised and rejected by people yet he went to a cross on Calvary to save us from our sins who knows the depth he had to go through so that we would have peace tonight and that we would have a gospel that is to be preached to all for all to come to

Christ and for all to repent and put a thrust in him and in him alone for salvation there is no other redeemer except Jesus Christ and there is no other way for Christ to do the will of the father except the way of the cross and the cross is in the center of our experience the cross is at the center of the gospel if we go north I always think of this when I was on the roads I used to think of it if you can go north from Inronas and you can bypass Alnes and Tain and Tornach all these villages if you're going north if you're going south you can avoid going to

Trematen and Calbridge and Bitlochti on your way to Perth or Glasgow but if you're on your way to heaven you can't bypass the cross this is where the son of God came from the first time when man sinned in the garden of Eden animals had to be slain so that it would be clothed with the skins of that animal and Jesus Christ had to die on the cross so that we would be clothed with the righteousness of Christ as a robe that is perfect for us so tonight as the time has passed now we are thankful that we have a redeemer that intercedes for us at his right hand he took the he took the sin of us on himself on a cross on

Calvary and he opened a way for us to himself through his son that we would be wise and put our trust in him and him alone for our salvation for there is no other redeemer but Jesus Christ and may the Lord bless these thoughts to us all and may forgive us for our many sins tarions or to each them with the good words to each chal UP for your life and may not unless you can pack them and may and may they are are