

Luke 23:35

And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

Have you ever considered the scene here of when Jesus was crucified.

We are so used to thinking that it was done on a hill. But the fact is that crucifixion was done on the roadside so that when people would pass by, they would reconsider ever thinking of doing anything wrong, because if they did, they could end up being on one of those crosses.

Crucifixion was probably as common back then as new movies coming out every month are today. Everyone knew about it and they saw it all the time. So much so that it seems they got dull in their hearts to what they were actually seeing.

Men, and women having spikes in their wrists and feet as they are hanging there, sometimes for several days, gasping and fighting for each breath, crying and yelling out in agony. You also have to know that when someone was on the cross, they were stark naked, no loin cloth covering them like we see with Jesus hanging on the cross. No, this was shame to the ultimate and if you are there for a couple days, well think about it, you do eventually have to relieve yourself, which would add more to the shame and stench.

So how do the people respond to this?

† **Matthew 27:39-40 (NLT)** *The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!"*

Simply the people were so used to seeing crucifixions that it no longer fazed them, they became numb to it. But the same thing has happened to us. Sin is so common and thought of as normal that our hearts have grown numb to it. Sure we speak out against drunks and drugs and profanity and even homosexuals. Yet how much of that is in your entertainment, in the TV shows and movies you watch. Is sin so common that it doesn't faze you when you watch it in a movie or on TV? When they use the name of Jesus as a curse word, could you care less or even laugh when His name is used in a joke?

† **Colossians 3:7 (NLT)** *You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world.*

Yet as a Christian are you still more of this world or like the world, being numb to the sin around you and accepting of it?

It's time for us a Christians to repent and ask the Lord to show us these sins we have been accepting and no longer accept them.

† **Hosea 14:2 (MSG)** *Prepare your confession and come back to GOD. Pray to him, “Take away our sin, accept our confession. Receive as restitution our repentant prayers.”*