

Mark 15:29-32

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

Have you ever had a really bad day where it seemed like everything went wrong? Then during the end of the day someone had some remark to say to you that felt like they were pouring salt into your wound.

On days like this, don't you just want to throw in the towel and say forget everything, it's just not worth it anymore?

When you have a day like that, think of these verses here today and what was going on. Jesus had spent the night and half the day being beaten and questioned over and over. Now Jesus is on the cross paying for the sins of the world; and as He is, all those who He is dying for have something bad, or a snide remark to say to Jesus. Also I want you to notice that in verses 30 & 32 Jesus is tempted to come down from the cross.

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The devil was whispering in Jesus' ear how if He would just come down then these people would believe and would follow Him. It seems so right and so simple for the Son of God to just come down from the cross and prove that He is God. But if Jesus did, then they may have believed, but they would all had died in their sins, because the purpose of Jesus dying on the cross was to pay for their, and our sins.

So even though it seemed like the easy or logical way out of the situation, Jesus didn't give into the temptation to give up.

I say this because we all go through hard times and bad days and the devil wants us to take the easy way out by whispering in our ear, "*Just go have a couple of drinks and forget about your problems*" or "*He or she is not worth it any more, just leave them*" or maybe, "*Is it really worth it being a Christian with everyone making fun of you at work or school*" and even "*No one will understand that you got pregnant, just get rid of it before anyone finds out*"

What has the devil been whispering in your ear lately? Will you take the easy way out and face the consequences later, or will you hang in there and see the Lord working through the situation?

Jesus had a choice, and aren't you thankful that He didn't give up!
Will you?

† **Hebrews 12:3 (NLT)** *Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.*