

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Luke 23:35-37, 39 (NIV)

Discuss



- What were the accusations they made and how were they similar?
- Look up the meaning of the word "irony" or "ironic." How are their accusations ironic?
- In one sense they were right, since Jesus was God, He could have saved Himself from such a gruesome death. Why can we be thankful that He did not?

Pray

- Thank the Lord Jesus that He was willing to suffer and die in your place.
- Ask God to help you during Easter season to realize anew what Jesus accomplished when He made possible the forgiveness of your sins.
- Pray for people who usually don't attend church but will come at Easter.
- Pray that they will respond to the Good News that Jesus died and was risen so that we can have a new life, free from the penalty and power of sin.

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