

Sermon Outline

“Two Ways to Die” *Matthew 27:27-44, Luke 23:32-43*

1. Introduction:
 - Certainty of death

2. Mockery of Jesus
 - By the Roman Soldiers
 - By the Passer-bys
 - By the Elders and Priests
 - By the two Criminals

3. Cross of Rejection
 - Contempt for Jesus
 - Demanded salvation on his own terms
 - Died in his sins

4. Cross of Reception
 - Acknowledgement of sin
 - Confessed Christ and pleaded for grace and mercy
 - Died to sin

5. Cross of Redemption
 - Death was foretold in the scriptures
 - Death was critical to His redemptive work
 - Died for sin
 - Completed His mission when He rose from the dead

6. Conclusion
 - How we die depends on how we respond to Jesus today.