What Does
"Black Friday"
Mean To You?

Since the 1930s it is considered the beginning of the Christmas Shopping Season (Macy's Parade)

The day after Thanksgiving was coined "Black Friday" in 1950s, is the day retailers count on sales getting them "out of the red;"

Used by 1966 by Philadelphia police to describe

the problems with shoppers' traffic;

Since 2005, termed the busiest shopping day of the year (although Saturday before Christmas is!)



"Black Friday" in 1869 term for collapse of stock market because speculators overbought Gold as a commodity.

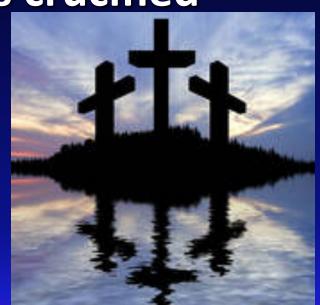


"Black Friday" could be the term for the day Jesus Christ was crucified

The Date

The Purpose

The Remembrance



Matthew 27:33-44

33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

- 1.Mark 15:23-wine mingled with myrrh
- 2.Birthday gifts in Matthew 2:11 were:

Gold: Genesis 13:2

Frankincense: **Exodus 30:34-38**-incense

Myrrh: Exodus 30:22-33-holy anointing oil

3. What pain and discomfort are we willing to endure when we serve Jesus Christ?

- 35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." 36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.
- 1.The one crucified was cursed under Moses' Law Deuteronomy 21:22-23
- 2. Dividing His clothes (Black Friday Sale?):
 - a) Fulfilled prophecy Psalm 22:18
 - b) Dividing His church DOESN'T! Romans 16:17
 - c) Do we want His blessings (clothes & cross) without commitment?

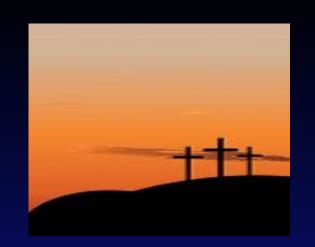
37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

- 1.If He were "King of the Jews," THEN HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED!
- 2.Chief priests of the Jews denied this claim for Jesus John 19:19-22
- 3. Prophesied a "low-life" end! Isaiah 53:12
- 4.Are we "too good" to help sinners?

- 39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." (Misrepresented)
- **41** Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, **42** "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. (Miracles?)
- If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. (Misunderstood)
- 43 "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" (Meaning)
- 44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. (Mean)

How do we deal with difficult people & hard situations?

Jesus Christ
Went to the Cross for us...
Will we
Go to His cross for ourselves?



"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in

newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).