

The crucifixion of Jesus - responses



1. Is Jesus just a tourist attraction? In this scene the character acting as Jesus could be looked upon with amusement by someone passing by. The girl on the man's shoulders and the two seated people don't seem too interested. How is it that people can consider Jesus briefly and dismiss him? Why is nobody talking to him or trying to intervene? 2000 years ago when this event took place in Jerusalem, most people jeered, but some did try to assist. Who were the people that assisted? Write a reflection on this scene.



2. Was the Bible written in English? Was the whole Bible written in the same language? In what languages should the sign on Jesus be written? There are no children in this photo. Would children have been out and about to see Jesus paraded to Golgotha? It looks as if two soldiers are assisting Jesus with the weight of the cross. Is this likely to have happened? Write your thoughts on this photo.
3. The background to both photos is inaccurate in terms of flora and geography. Explain why.
4. Visit <http://www.wintershall-estate.com/> and explain what happens in the countryside in Surrey, England, each year.
5. Search on the internet to find out about the *Oberammergau Passion Play*. Why it is so famous. Where is Oberammergau and what is the cost of an entry ticket?
6. When Australian actor/director Mel Gibson was filming his seminal movie on the passion of Jesus, critics mocked him and said he would lose millions. What happened on the release of the movie? Was it a success? Visit www.thepassionofthechrist.com to learn more.
7. In countries like Mexico and the Philippines people consider it a great honour to be chosen to act out the life of Jesus and to be actually whipped and nailed on a cross, and to suffer to a point of near death. What is your opinion of this? Does a person become more loved by God for doing such a thing? Does such an action of sacrifice and deliberate infliction of pain please God?
8. In the middle ages there were Christians who went around Europe in processions of flagellants. What did they do?
9. Read Micah 6:8. What does God require of you?