



## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS *THE SOLDIERS*

Matthew 27; John 19; Acts 2

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Jeremiah said, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.*" (Jeremiah 17:9)

It is from this viewpoint, the wickedness of man, that Matthew records this part of the Gospel narrative.

We can look at the soldiers today and think how horrible they were, and how we would never do something like that. But unless we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, God looks at us the same as He does these soldiers.

What the soldiers did was horrible. But what is interesting is to see all the responses to this Close Encounter between Jesus and the soldiers.

**Creation's response** was \_\_\_\_\_!  
(Matt.27:45-53; Romans 8:20,22)

**The Soldiers Response** was \_\_\_\_\_!  
(Matt. 27:54)

**Jesus' Response** was \_\_\_\_\_! (Luke 23:34)

All this brings us to \_\_\_\_\_ **RESPONSE!** (Acts 2)

### TAKE AWAY:

***It's \_\_\_\_\_ move!***