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"AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM"

I. WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD WANT TO CRUCIFY CHRIST?

- A. Cruel, vicious, MONSTER.
 - 1. Kill a innocent man.
 - a. More than innocent. Neg. trait.
 - b. He was good, kind, loving.
 - 2. Torture of cross.
 - a. Exult in His suffering.
 - b. No words of pity.
- B. How do you picture the murderers of Christ?
 - 1. Wild-eyed: foaming mouthed idiots.
 - 2. You probably couldn't pick them out of the rogues gallery.
 - 3. They look like your neighbor or maybe even like you.

II. IN CRUCIFYING CHRIST THEY WERE TRYING TO DESTROY GOD.

- A. "The fool hath said in his heart, "There is no God."
 - 1. This is an attempt to destroy God.
 - 2. Any man today who says, "I don't believe in God" is trying to destroy God.
 - a. He could just as well have driven the spikes into the hands.
 - b. He is capable of crucifying Christ.
- B. Some of you would like to destroy God.
 - 1. If you are told God is not pleased with your actions.
 - a. Instead of repenting and seeking forgiveness.
 - b. You become sullen, morose, snide.
 - c. Your shrug of the shoulder and sneer show you capable of crucifying Christ.

III. SOME OF YOU SEEK ALSO TO DESTROY GOD FROM YOUR LIFE.

- A. You have killed His voice.
 - 1. You will not listen to Him.
 - 2. You turn a deaf ear or ignore Him.
- B. You have killed His influence.
 - 1. You will not be guided.
 - 2. You reject His advice.
 - 3. You will walk in your own way.
 - 4. You refuse to bow your stubborn will.
- C. You have fill His love.
 - 1. How many times He has entreated you.
 - 2. Look at the scorn with which you responded to His tenderness.
- D. Some of you not only capable, but in a sense guilty of crucifying Christ and are doing the same this very night.

IV. HOW SHOCKING TO LOOK INTO THE PICTURE AND BEHOLD YOUR OWN FACE.

- A. Realizing guilt what is answer?
 - 1. Acts 2 - "What shall we do, seeing we have crucified the Lord of Glory?"
 - 2. Listen and obey His voice. Yield to His influence. Respond to HIS Love.