

2021 Lenten Theme

Want to hear the latest gossip? Listen, I know it's not thought of as very 'Christian' but I've got some shocking news – something I thought you'd want to know! Now you *have* to promise to... well, you know. But listen, this is something awful I heard that 'others' are saying. 'They' were overheard talking about this stuff and it's just too scandalous not to pass along. With 'them' knowing about it, I thought you should know, too. It's about our 2021 Lenten Theme.

What "They" Said When Jesus Went to Calvary

This year our Lenten journey brings us to the cross through the words of "*the others*," "*the them*," "*the they*." Some of "*them*" are those who watched, and some are "*others*" who participated in Jesus going to Golgotha. From what "*they said*" we hear the witness of those who were there to see it and, in some cases, move the events along.

This outrageous theme is powerful for us because it *is* through *their* eyes and words that *we* see and hear. We will witness through "*them*" how Jesus fulfilled the promises spoken of in Holy Scripture regarding the scandal of the Lamb of God, come to take away the sin of the world. *What "They" Said When Jesus Went to Calvary* is what gives us hope, *because* what "they" said speaks the shocking truth about Jesus, the Word of God Incarnate.

You can get a head start on the gossip by reading the following:
Matt 26:19-25 *Surely not I, Rabbi?* (Ash Wednesday, February 17)
Matt 26:59-66 *He is worthy of death.*
Matt 26:69-75 *I do not know the man.*
John 18:33-38 *What is truth?*
Matt 27:22-26 *Let His blood be on us and on our children*
Luke 23:38-43 *Lord remember me*
Luke 23:44-47 *Surely this was a righteous man*
(Good Friday, April 2)