

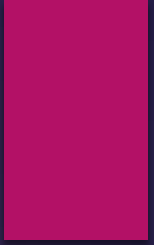
Jesus scourged and
crowned with thorns

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²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

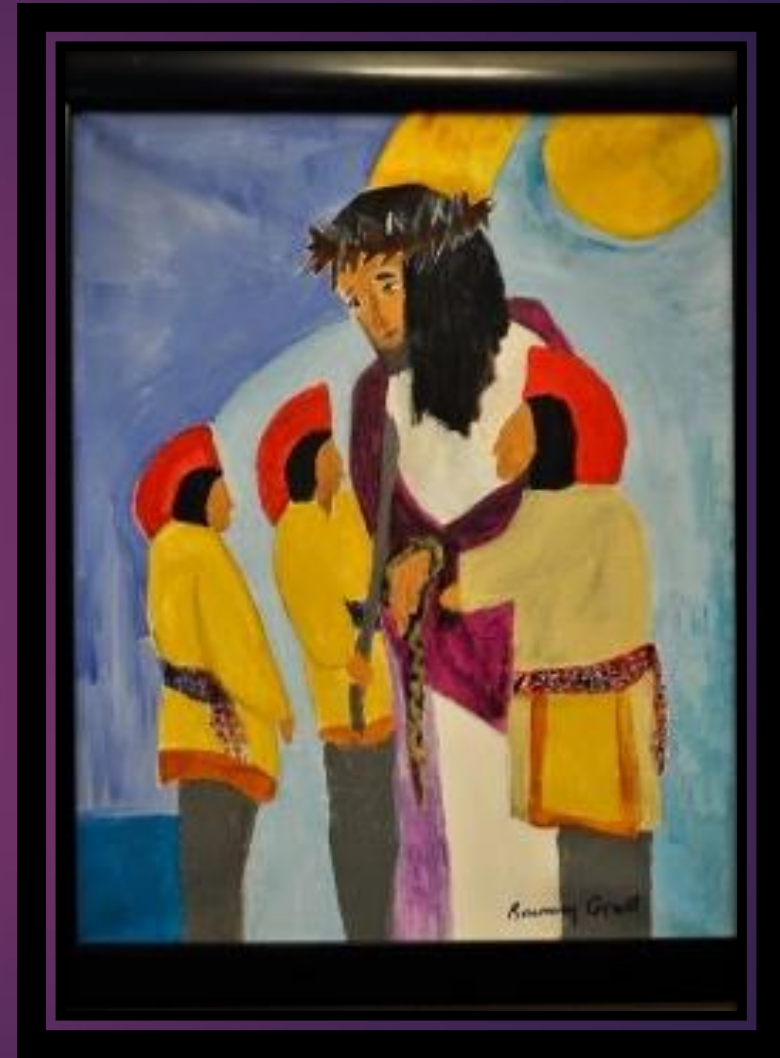


29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. 30 They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



1. What effect do you think violence in the media has on our society?
2. Which is the worst, physical or emotional pain? Why?
3. What are the most common ways Christians are mocked?



Personal reflection

Explore the passage

1. Who took charge of the flogging and crucifixion of Jesus? (26-27)
2. How many people were involved in torturing Jesus? (27)
3. Where did the guards take Jesus? Why? (27-28)
4. Once they had Jesus inside, what did the guards do? (27-31)
5. What did the guards make Jesus wear? (28-29)

Explore the passage

6. What did the soldiers put on Jesus' head? Why? (29)
7. In what way did these soldiers mock Jesus? (29)
8. With what did the soldiers ridicule Jesus (29)
9. What types of emotional and physical abuse did the guards inflict on Jesus/ (39)
10. After mocking Jesus, what did the soldiers do? (31)

Understand the passage

1. Why did Jesus put up with the torture when He could have destroyed all of His attackers?
2. What do you think the soldiers were thinking as they mocked, taunted and assaulted Jesus?
3. What would you do if you came upon a group of friends who were abusing (verbally/physically) some helpless individual?

Understand the passage

4. What can we do to curb the abusive mentality of others?
5. Why do people pick on helpless individuals?
6. In what way does evil become easier to justify when many people are doing it?



Apply it

1. Is there someone you can encourage this week, that might be facing persecution?
2. What can you do or say to speak against an evil that is being accepted as normal?
3. In what way can you be a peacemaker this week at home, at work, or among your neighbours?

