

Matthew 27:27-31
Crowned with Thorns

Horrific contempt ...

- I. A Clown for a King
 - A. Regal Humility
 - B. Royal Mockery
- II. A Crown for Our King
 - A. Diadem of Defeat
 - B. Brutal Veneration
- III. In the King's Own Court
 - A. The Christ's Composure
 - B. A Coward's Concession
 - C. A Declaration of Treason
- IV. Behold Your King
 - A. This Bloody Man
 - B. Our Exalted Savior

... or humble obeisance.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did the soldiers do to mock Jesus?
2. What did they put on his head?
3. What were the people yelling?
4. Pilate thinks he has power over Jesus. How is he wrong?
5. Where are they going to take Jesus?

A Treasonous Declaration

Jesus willingly humbled Himself and the soldiers willingly humiliated Him. They declared themselves enemies of Christ. Jesus was the true King of the Jews and the people pledged their allegiance to Caesar. They declared their rebellion against the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus had authority overrule the governor but He was resolute to go to the cross. Pilate was sorely conflicted, but he chose to cater to the angry crowd, and bowed down to cowardice. Pilate proved himself to be a loyal subject to the prince of demons. The gruesome image we have of Jesus in our passage is that of a, bludgeoned, defeated man – seemingly helpless in the face of mockery, brutality and a death sentence. But that was then. We know now that our Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of glory having exchanged the crown of thorns for the royal diadem! One day every knee will bow and tongue confess that He is Lord. We don't wait for that – we pay reverent obeisance to our mighty King and Savior now know He is high and lifted up!