

“Jesus Scourged at the Column”...



FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - **JOHN** - :

“[Pilate said to the Jews,] ‘I find no guilt in him....Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?’ They cried out again, ‘Not this one but Barabbas!’ ...Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged.”
(John 18:38-19:1)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, You do not ask us to judge according to the spirit of the world, or to judge in order to condemn (since You Yourself say, ‘*Stop judging and you will not be judged*’ – Luke 6:37¹), but for our own good You do command us to ‘judge justly’ (John 7:24)¹ the things which take place around us: that is, to judge them according to the spirit of the Gospel. (cf. SLC, p. 284)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to judging according to the spirit of the Gospel, St. Augustine says: “*When you judge, then, love the person, but hate the sin. Don’t love the sin because of the love that you should have for the person; and don’t hate the person because of his sins. The person is your neighbor, and the sin is your neighbor’s enemy. You will truly love your neighbor only if and when you hate [the sin] that hurts him.*”

(AGOSTINO, *Discorsi*, XLIX, 5)

¹ NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen) :

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Then follows ...

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...

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