

“Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...

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

*“[W]eaving a crown of thorns, [they] placed it on him. They began to salute him with, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.”
(Mark 15:17-19)¹*

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Today, Lord, have we “crowned with thorns” or bitterly insulted someone else’s intelligence, so running the risk of offending them or wounding them in the deepest and most intimate place of their heart? Let us reflect, since it is written: *“The one who speaks without reflecting, stabs like a sword!”* (cf. Prov 12:18).
(cf. SLC, p. 307)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to speaking without reflecting, St. Augustine says: *“The sword of the tongue does greater harm than the sword of steel.”* (AUGUSTINE, *Commentary on the letter of John*, Homily 10, 10)

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 ...