

“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. And when they had mocked him, they...led him out to crucify him.” (Mark 15:17-20)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, when we speak, give us the grace to have the right sharpness of tongue: not to do harm, but to operate – that is, to cut away [what is useless or harmful] and graft in [what the soul needs]. But before we perform this operation, we pray for the grace to give the “anesthesia” first: with the sweet grace of love, respect, and charity! (cf. *SLC*, p. 311)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to speaking without reflecting, so running the risk of hurting someone with our tongue, St. Faustina Kowalska says: “*Great are the faults committed by the tongue. The soul will not attain sanctity if it does not keep watch over its tongue.*” (FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, *Diary*, Notebook I. Marian Press: Stockbridge (MA), 2005, p. 48)

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 ...