

“Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *JOHN* - :

“And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ And they struck him repeatedly.”
(John 19:2-3)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace to reflect before we speak, since the book of Proverbs affirms: “*The one who speaks without reflecting, stabs like a sword!*” (cf. Prov 12:18). Help us, instead, to be sharp [as] swords in a constructive way – like the sharp sword that comes from the mouth of Jesus (the sword of His tongue) in the book of Revelation! (cf. Rev 1:16; 19:15; Eph 6:17). (cf. SLC, p. 310)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to speaking without reflecting, St. Anthony of Padua quotes St. Bernard: “*You should not be afraid to say that a gossip’s tongue is crueler than the blade which pierced the Lord’s side. It enters Christ’s body, not when it [is] already dead, but to cause death.*”

(ANTHONY OF PADUA, *Sermons*, IV Sunday after Easter, translated by Paul Spilsbury,
<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15471/documents/2016/10/St.%20Anthony%20of%20Padua-The%20Sermons%20of%20Saint%20Anthony.pdf> [accessed 3 August 2021])

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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 ...