

“Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* -:

“Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and...weaving a crown out of thorns ...they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.” (Matt 27: 27-31)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Today, Lord (if such a thing happened to us), did we bear this crown of bitter insults with love? Jesus says: *“Blessed are you when they insult you...because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” (Matt 5:11-12).¹ (cf. SLC, p. 307)*

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- Regarding afflictions, Pope St. Leo the Great says: *“Beloved, the affliction to which the eternal comfort is promised has nothing in common with the trials of this world... Such lamentations make no one happy.” (LEO THE GREAT, Off. of Read., Saturday XXII Week O.T.)*

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 ...