

An Attempt To Listen To God  
Meditation On  
The Trials and Torturing of Christ

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Living in a world of people with whom callousness is the norm, when we read of the torturing of the Lord we find ourselves not only separated from the situation visually and physically, but also emotionally. Recently there was an individual who abused a dog, and I wonder what sort of a sadistic monster would an individual be who would kick, stab, and torture the little animal. That is what man did to our Lord. He was whipped, spat upon, slapped across the face, the hair plucked from His face, crowned with a crown of thorns, and smitten on the head with a reed (Mk. 15:19). Sadistic, cold, unfeeling, animalistic, and savagery.

The following is a summary of the afflictions the Lord endured at the hands of man.

## The Character Of The Afflictions

- a) The verbal humiliations of the Lord by:
  - i) The watching crowd (Lk. 23:35)
  - ii) The chief priests (Mk. 15:31)
  - iii) The two thieves (Matt. 27:44; Mk. 15:32)
- b) The physical humiliations of the Lord:
  - i) By the Roman soldiers (Matt. 27:27-31; Mk. 15:6-20)
- c) The physical torturing of the Lord:
  - i) He was slapped (Jn. 18:22)
  - ii) He was blindfolded (Lk. 22:64)
  - iii) He was spit upon (Matt. 26:67)
  - iv) He was buffeted (Matt. 26:67)
  - v) He was scourged (Matt. 27:26)
  - vi) He was struck on the head (Matt. 27:30)
  - vii) He was crowned with thorns (Matt 27:29)

## The References

- a) Matthew's account.
  - i) Christ brought before Caiaphas (ch. 26:57-68)
  - ii) Christ brought before Pilate (ch. 27:2, 11-31)
- b) Mark's account.
  - i) Christ brought before the High Priest, where all the chief priests, elders and scribes were assembled (ch. 14:53-65)
  - ii) Christ brought before Pilate (ch. 15:1-20)
- c) Luke's account.
  - i) Christ brought before the High Priest (ch. 22:54, 63-65)
  - ii) Christ brought before the council (ch. 22:66-71)
  - iii) Christ brought before Pilate (ch. 23:1-6)
  - iv) Christ brought before Herod (ch. 23:7-11)
  - v) Christ brought before Pilate a second time (ch. 23:11-26)
- d) John's account.
  - i) Christ brought before Annas (ch. 18:13-24)
  - ii) Christ sent to Caiaphas (ch. 18:24)
  - iii) Christ sent to Pilate (ch. 18:28-19:16)
- e) The trials of the Lord
  - i) By Annas
  - ii) Before Caiaphas, and the scribes and elders were already assembled
  - iii) Before the Sanhedrin

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- iv) Before Pilate, sovereign power
- v) Before Herod, delegated power
- vi) Before Pilate again

### Isaiah 53:3; 7-8

- a) He was despised, treated with disdain, scorned, treated with contempt.
- b) He was rejected, destitute.
- c) He was oppressed, harassed, tyrannised.
- d) He was afflicted, looked down upon, hurt, dealt hardly with.
- e) The Pharisees were constantly trying to find fault in Him:
  - i) Accusing Him (Matt. 9:3; Mk. 2:6, 3:22)
  - ii) Tempting Him (Matt. 16:1, 19:3, 22:35; Mk. 10:2; Lk.11:16)
  - iii) Questioning Him (Matt. 12:38, 15:1-2, 21:15-16; Mk. 8:11; Lk. 6:7, 11:53-54; Jn. 8:6)

One cannot help but be amazed at the loveliness of His attitude when He was being so shamed and falsely accused. There was not an iota of bitterness or retaliation in Him. With richness of love He saw them. Enduring the contradiction of sinners against themselves His heart wept over them as He did over Jerusalem, and He longed for them to be forgiven. For some it was the result of a slow burning deliberate hatred. Others were pressured into what to cry, but He loved every one of them.

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by his Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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