

SHAMING THE SAVIOR

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Mark 15:16-20

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[16] And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. [17] And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. [18] And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" [19] And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. [20] And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

INTRODUCTION

Shame is different from embarrassment because shame necessarily involves sin.

Genesis 3:9–10—*[9] But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" [10] And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."*

Ezra 9:6—*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.*

Since shame is ultimately a result of sin, the only true and lasting solution for shame is Jesus.

MOCKERY

Jesus' subjugation to the Roman soldiers was a sign not of his weakness, but of his obedience to the Father.

Philippians 2:8—*[8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

When Jesus needed supernatural strength he found it in humility.

Humility is trusting God to accomplish his purposes even when his will goes against our will.

1 Corinthians 2:9

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him."*

They intentionally longed to mock Jesus, and yet their mockery was filled with irony.

Purple was a color associated with dignity.

Crowns are associated with authority and power.

A salute is a recognition that someone occupies a higher rank than you.

Romans 2:4–5—[4] *Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? [5] But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.*

VIOLENCE

Wickedness always tends towards escalation.

Genesis 6:5—[5] *The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

The Roman soldiers' shaming of Jesus simply represents the natural inclination of the human heart.

Moses at Meribah

Numbers 20:6-12—[6] *Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, [7] and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [8] “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” [9] And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.*

[10] *Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” [11] And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. [12] And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”*

1 Corinthians 10:1-4—[1] *For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.*

By suffering Jesus becomes a substitute for our suffering.

Jesus had to endure suffering because he didn't just die for our sin, he also suffered for our shame.