

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION  
PART 1: HIS TORTURE BY THE ROMANS  
(Matthew 27:26b-31)

- I. The BEGINNING of the TORTURE (Matt. 27:26b-27)
  - A. It started when Pilate had Jesus SCOURGED
    - 1. It was a BRUTAL flogging
    - 2. It was usually FATAL
  - B. It occurred in the COURTYARD of the “Praetorium”
  - C. The “whole COHORT” participated
    - 1. They were ROMAN SOLDIERS
    - 2. There were MANY of them
  
- II. The CONTINUATION of the TORTURE (Matt. 27:28-31)
  - A. They DRESSED Him as a PARODY of ROYALTY
    - 1. They draped Him with a PURPLE or SCARLET robe
    - 2. They CROWNED Him with a wreath of THORNS
  - B. They put a REED in His hand for a SCEPTER
  - C. They MOCKED Him as the “KING of the Jews”

- D. They SPAT in His FACE
- E. They BEAT Him on the HEAD with the REED
- F. They RIPPED the CLOAK off of His SHREDDED back
- G. They DRESSED Him in His own CLOTHES
- H. They LED Him away to be CRUCIFIED

### III. The SIGNIFICANCE of the TORTURE

- A. It reveals the world's HATRED ...
  - 1. Of JEWS and any notion of Jewish SUPERIORITY
  - 2. Of JESUS and any notion of Divine AUTHORITY
- B. It demonstrates the Savior's LOVE and MERCY
  - 1. Jesus refused to RESIST (cf. 27:13)
  - 2. Jesus refused to RETALIATE (cf. 26:53)