

“Behold the Man” John 19:1-6

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John 19:1–6 (NKJV)**

In verse :5 of John 19, Pilate says to the chief priests, officers and other Jewish people,  
**“Behold the Man!”**

Pilate could not have imagined that we would still be considering those words in the United States, today in 2024!

Surely those who crucified Christ, those who were NOT sorry for their sin, those who did not believe Jesus, that He was indeed God’s Son ...

Those who after about 2000 years in HELL have just started their ETERNAL STAY there...  
REGRET not beholding Jesus more carefully!

If they would have studied Christ, if they would have considered His Words, perhaps they would have been among the SAVED and not LOST!

In John 17:3 A mere matter of hours before, Jesus said while PRAYING to His Father –

John 17:3 (NKJV) **<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

Yet us make every effort to KNOW Jesus and to know God His Father –

## I. See the scourging –

### **19 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. John 19:1 (NKJV)**

1. *Scourging – “with scourges called scorpions, leather thongs (whips) tipped with sharp spikes.” M.R. Vincent*

*Yet, scourging was not limited to whips, it could and often would include metal rods!*

2. *Though scourging was a common pre-crucifixion practice, historians of the time: Eusebius, Josephus and Cicero write of people dying during the scourge.*

3. *Paul speaks of his own beatings -*

### **<sup>24</sup> From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 2 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV)**

*39 was the limit for a Roman citizen to be beaten. Paul was a Roman citizen.*

*Jesus was not a Roman citizen; His beatings were NOT LIMITED.*

*Typically, such punishment continued until the person doing the whipping tired, or if a person was going to be crucified, before the criminal died, so the PAIN of crucifixion would not be missed.*

*These punishments were public, to deter crime. They wanted criminals to look horrible!*

*In **Isaiah 53:5** where we read –*

**<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)**

*Stripes is a reference to **bloody stripes** on His back caused by the scourge!*

*Application -*

*In this scourging we see PART of what SIN deserves!*

*We should see how we are WRONG now as a nation when we are SOFT on CRIME!*

## II. Understand the crown of thorns, think about the mocking and beating –

**<sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands. John 19:2–3 (NKJV)**

1. *The Romans thought themselves superior to the Jews, they thought they could make fun of and humiliate their King. It was a joke for them to crown and beat up Jesus.*

A. *The four beasts of Daniel 7 included the Roman Empire, this was how they RULED, by brute force! The soldiers thought they had this over Jesus, they thought themselves STRONG, He weak –*

**<sup>23</sup> “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. Daniel 7:23 (NKJV)**

B. *Yet, as they say “Hail, King of the Jews!” they are acknowledging the TRUE KING, one day He will return, not so humble, not as a Savior but as a Judge –*

**<sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are with Him* are called, chosen, and faithful.” Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)**

2. *The crown of thorns was appropriate for He Who would conquer sin’s curses; Jesus’ suffering was meant to gain us victory over sin and death –*

**<sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:17–19 (NKJV)**

*The thorns which crowned Jesus would not have existed if it were not for Adam’s sin.*

*The thorns on Jesus’ crown were up to twelve inches and very sharp.*

*As SIN is GREAT so was Jesus’ PAIN!*

*A. Jesus became a curse that we might be saved, that we might be BLESSED!-*

**<sup>13</sup> Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), <sup>14</sup> that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13–14 (NKJV)**

*B. The crown of thorns preceded the cross, He is the King of our eternal joy –*

**<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)**

*Joy is not found in the freedom to sin, but in the freedom from sin, gained for us by Christ on His cross!*

*One verse in our famous Christmas Hymn “Joy to the World” is*

“No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.” Isaac Watts

III. Behold the desperate display –

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*1. How horrible, pitiful Jesus must have LOOKED –*

**<sup>13</sup> Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. <sup>14</sup> Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; Isaiah 52:13–14 (NKJV)**

*Visage is Old English for FACE –*

**<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— Isaiah 52:14 (ESV)**

“Evidently he (Pilate) thought if he mutilated Jesus, the mob would pity Him and set Him free.”

R Kent Hughes

2. *Learn from this not to expect anything good from the ungodly, they will never pity the RIGHTEOUS -*

IV. Hear (and take note of) the murderous hatred -

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him!*” Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find no fault in Him.” John 19:6 (NKJV)

[If Jesus were to return, we should kill Him again \(if-jesus-returns-kill-him-again.com\)](http://if-jesus-returns-kill-him-again.com)



<sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. John 15:20 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. Romans 8:7 (NKJV) *See also* Psalm 2

Today the innocents are persecuted & killed while the guilty go free – Florida 4, virtually no restrictions on killing innocent babies, but kill a rapist, NO WAY!