

LOOK HOW THEY TREATED HIM

As Jesus made his way to the cross, he suffered horrible treatment at the hands of the religious leaders, Roman soldiers and from many others who were present. Jesus went through it all, in fulfillment of Scripture, so that the world through Him might be saved. On a much more personal level, we understand that He suffered, bled and died for you and for me. Take a look at how the Scriptures describe what Jesus went through for us:

- Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.
- The disciples deserted Him.
- They bound Him.
- The religious leaders and the crowd spit in His face.
- They beat Him with their fists.
- They slapped Him.
- They blindfolded Him, punched Him and mocked Him (“Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?”).
- They lied on Him.
- They hurled insults at Him.
- They falsely accused Him of many crimes.
- Peter denied Him three times.
- He was scourged with a lead-tipped whip.
- The soldiers stripped him of His clothes.
- They mocked Him, placing a purple robe upon Him.
- They plaited a crown of thorns and placed it on His head.
- They placed a reed stick in His hand as a scepter.
- They made fun of Him: “Hail! King of the Jews!”
- They got on their knees in mock worship.
- They struck Him on His head with the reed stick.
- They spit on Him some more.
- They forced Him to carry His cross (until He could no longer do so).
- They nailed his hands and feet to the cross.
- They gambled for His clothes.
- They shouted abuse and continued to mock Him as he hung on the cross.

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. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. – Hebrews 12:2-3