



# Grace Notes

Guides for Personal Bible Study

## Watch With Me 4: Watch Me Suffer

**Mark 15:12-20:** And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. 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.

### Points to Ponder

- Pilate recognized quickly that Jesus was completely innocent of any capital crime. How did he himself protest the charges?
- Pilate attempted three tactics to avoid pronouncing the death penalty. What were they?
- Why would Pilate allow his soldiers to abuse Jesus as they did before the sentence was carried out?
- **Read Isaiah chapter 53.** Whose decision and power and condemnation were really behind Pilate’s?
- What does Jesus’ suffering mean for you?

### The Bottom Line

Jesus suffered unjust torture in order for us to receive salvation. It was all part of God’s plan, for the forgiveness of our sins. In Jesus’ suffering we witness the tremendous love he and the Father have for us.

*You can dig deeper into your Bible by reading more about these truths from the lesson:*

- Suffered for You! Isaiah 53:5; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2
- God’s Great Love! Psalm 103:11; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:37-39; 1 John 4:9-12
- Give Thanks! Isaiah 25:9; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 4:13