



# “Jesus Crowned With Thorns”...

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* - :

*“Weaving a crown out of thorns, [the soldiers] placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.” (Matt 27:29)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Today, without reflecting, have we “crowned” [with thorns] or bitterly insulted someone else’s intelligence, so running the risk of offending them in the deepest and most intimate place of their heart? Lord, give us the grace and the humility to know how to immediately ask for forgiveness. (cf. *SLC*, p. 307)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards speaking bitter words and immediately asking for forgiveness, the Franciscan Sources recount: *“If [Francis] allowed a word to escape that was too forceful, he immediately manifested his sin with all humility to the person he had dared to judge, asking for forgiveness.”*

*(TOMMASO DA CELANO, Vita Prima di San Francesco d’Assisi, in: F.F. 416 [unpublished translation by pfgsm])*

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB)

## FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

*(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen):*

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*Then follows ...*

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...
- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria ....”

*Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...*