

LESSONS FROM THE TRIAL OF JESUS, PHASE 2
Reliving the Passion, Part 5
Mark 15:1-20

You can participate "in an ancient practice of our Christian Church: observing Lent, examining yourself for your own deep need of Jesus' grace, understanding the crucifixion as the moment of marvelous love and your salvation, and giving God thanks for a resurrection which promises your own in the end."

– Walter Wangerin, *Reliving the Passion*

**FROM THE TRIAL OF JESUS,
ARE YOU CONVICTED
OF WHO HE IS IN YOUR LIFE?**

1. ASK, "IS JESUS MY KING ?"

"Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. 'Are you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate. 'Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied." Mark 15:1-2 (NIV)

"At last the time has come!' [Jesus] announced. 'The Kingdom of God is near! Turn from your sins and believe this Good News!'" Mark 1:15 (NLT)

2. RECALL THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS ON

HOW TO TREAT OTHERS

"And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt 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." Mark 15:16-20a (RSV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? And if you salute your friends alone, what more are you doing than others? Even sinners do the same ... Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven ... Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:38-47; Luke 6:37; Matthew 5:11-12 (RSV)

**3. SEE THAT, FOR YOU, JESUS
BECOMES YOUR SIN**

"Then they led him out to crucify him." Mark 15:20b

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV/NLT)