

Passages To Ponder

John 19:1-5

1. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*.
2. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.
3. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.
4. Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."
5. Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold the Man!"

The Bible describes the relationship between Christ and His church many different ways. One of those ways is an illustration of a Loving Romantic engagement. God through out the scriptures has given us, His bride, different pictures to express His love. This is one of those pictures, and it is worth a thousand words. In these verses John shows us the extent of Jesus love for His bride. It shows the dowry that Jesus gave, to give us the privilege of enter into this loving relationship.

1. We see here our lover gave much more than a diamond ring or money. But He gave His own position in the glory of heaven to take up the life of a poor man, that was despised, mocked, rejected, and murdered.
 2. He gave much more than roses, to say I love you, instead He bore the crown of thrones, which is the curse of man's sins.
 3. He gave much more than a promise, that He would work hard, and sacrifice to provide for His bride. Instead He laid down His own life to finished the work, so that you and I can come and live in the house that has been prepared for us for the last 2000 years.
- Jesus is here today and He loves us passionately, He wants to tell us and show us that He loves us.