



I. A Mockery

- There were at least 600, trained, Roman soldiers leading a beaten, bloody Jesus away to be crucified.
- The whole cohort of soldiers gather for one reason. To mock the Lord.

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- “They **kept...**”
- Again, and again, and again. 600 men gathered around our Lord to harass and abuse Him.

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- Isaiah 50:6 says, “I gave My back to those who strike Me and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard. I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.”

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- The irony is that there will come a day in the future when they will kneel and bow before Him and acknowledge who He is in truth – Philippians 2:10-11.

II. A Man From Cyrene

- Criminals were required to carry the cross beam to crucifixion. The crossbeam weighed about 100 pounds.

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- This man from Cyrene is named Simon. Mark adds that Simon is the father of Alexander and Rufus.
- Paul writes in Romans 16:13 to send greetings to Rufus.

