

## *THE FIFTH STATION*

### **JESUS IS MOCKED AND FLOGGED**

Jesus endured the sham that was His trial and was then taken outside, mocked, crowned with a circlet of thorns and suffered a lashing from His tormentors. His suffering was physical, spiritual and mental. He was tortured with pain, humiliation and grief. Since His hands were bound, He was quite helpless – He could not defend Himself.



*Why does one human being inflict pain on another? It is part of the great mystery of evil in our world. We have all suffered pain inflicted by those around us. We have all caused suffering too. How easy it is to hate and how important it is to love.*

Let us ask God to have compassion for the oppressed and persecuted in our society and world at large and pray that He will make us healers and reconcilers.