



# STATION TWO

## JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

### **PRAYER**

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this time to you. I pray that you will meet me during this time. Open my spirit to hearing from you. My desire is to receive all that you have for me as I follow you to the cross. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 15:16-20, John 19:17

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again, and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

## **REFLECTION**

- What does it mean for you to call Jesus “King?”
- How does your life honor or mock Jesus as King?
- What pain are you experiencing because of the actions of others? Get in touch with it. Jesus shares your pain. He knows what you are feeling. What burdens are you carrying on your shoulders? Now you know how Jesus feels and Jesus knows what you are feeling. He shares your burdens. He’s putting them on his shoulders. How does that make you feel?
- When you try to picture Jesus in this scene all bloodied and beaten, do you want to look the other way? When you consider your own sins and the pain they cause, do you tend to look the other way? Picturing Jesus picking up the burden of the cross will not allow us to treat our sins lightly.

## **PRAYER**

Express your thoughts and feelings to Jesus in prayer. Then, write down your thoughts in your journal.

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