**Mocked & Ridiculed**

The humiliation endured by the King of Kings.

**Text**: **Mark 15:16-32**, “**16**And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. **17**And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. **18**And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” **19**And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. **20**And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. **21**And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. **22**And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). **23**And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. **24**And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. **25**And it was the third hour when they crucified him. **26**And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” **27**And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. **29**And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, **30**save yourself, and come down from the cross!” **31**So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. **32**Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.”

*When people mock the kingship of Christ, you must…*

**Point #1**: **Remember** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.16-20**

*When the cross has become sanitized and familiar, you must…*

**Point #2**: **Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.21-25**

*When people don’t understand the work of Christ on the cross, you must…*

**Point #3**: **Expect** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.26-32**

**Corollary Verses**: Isaiah 53:3-7; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 5:11-13; Ezekiel 33:11; Psalm 22:18; Luke 23:39; Mark 14:58; and 1 Corinthians 1:18.