

## The Guards Mock Jesus - Luke 22:63-65

**Topics:** Insults, Persecution, Prophecy, Shame, Suffering, Toleration

### Open It

1. What emotions do most people have when insulted by others?
2. How do we guard ourselves against criticism from other people?
- \* 3. What bullies do you remember from elementary school?

### Explore It

4. In light of what had happened before this point, what was Jesus probably feeling? (22:63)
5. Who had control of this situation? (22:63)
6. How was Jesus treated by His guards? (22:63-64)
- \* 7. In what way did the guards mock Jesus? (22:63-64)
8. Why was Jesus blindfolded? (22:64)
9. What prompted the guards to mock Jesus as they did? (22:64)
10. How did news of Jesus' reputation influence the guards' actions? (22:64)
- \* 11. What was the guards' purpose in demanding that Jesus prophesy for them? (22:64)
12. What was so demeaning about the guards' treatment of Jesus? (22:64)
- \* 13. What did Luke imply about Jesus' actions by not mentioning any details about how He responded to the guards? (22:63-65)
14. In what way are the details of Christ's humiliation significant to the overall story? (22:63-65)

### Get It

15. How are the details of Jesus' mockery relevant to us today?
16. What does this passage tell us about Jesus' character and His response to persecution?
- \* 17. How does Jesus want us to react to criticism, insults, or scorn?
18. In what way could you benefit by suffering for your faith?
19. What steps could you take to prepare yourself for being persecuted for your faith?
20. Why do you think God spares some believers from persecution but not others?
- \* 21. How could you show your support for other Christians who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ?

### Apply It

- \* 22. How could you encourage a Christian who is in some way suffering for his or her faith? When?
23. How can you look past the criticism or scorn people use against you for your beliefs?
24. What is one way you can say thank you to Jesus for enduring humiliation for your sake?