



FACT SHEET CROWN OF THORNS

John 19:2-3

Read It:
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Talk It:
Has anyone ever made fun of you?

Know it:

It seems everyone has an idea of who Jesus is. Some people will say He was a prophet. Others will tell you He was a good man. Still others will say a He was a "moral teacher." It might be good to ask Jesus. He told the truth when He said He was the King of the Jews, Son of God, and the promised Messiah. But not all the Jews welcomed Him for it. Some even hated Him. In fact, some people made fun of Him for who He claimed to be.

The Roman soldiers placed crown of thorns on His head to mock Jesus as a king and even placed a sign above Him that said, "The King of the Jews." The thorns that pieced His brow were intended to humiliate the Prince of Peace, but Jesus wore the crown knowing He would soon trade it in for a real crown. He let them laugh and loved them anyway. In Luke 23 it says that people called up to Him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Could Jesus have saved Himself? Of course! But He was not there that day to save Himself; He was on the cross that day to save us. So He set aside all the power He had and remained on the cross, wearing that painful crown of thorns, until He died. If only the soldiers who made the crown knew that He was not only the King of the Jews but also the King of all Kings! (Revelation 17:14)

Go Do It:

If you have been bullied or picked on, Jesus understands. If you have ever been treated unfairly, Jesus understands. Also consider how you treat others. Do not pick on them, but instead treat others the way you want to be treated. As Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

