

THE MISTREATMENT

From around midnight to 9:00 AM Jesus would face every kind of mistreatment this world has to offer- from Jewish and Roman society (the world).

It began with the binding. John 18 says, "They bound Jesus and led him away." In this darkest of nights, Jesus, covered in bloody sweat, will be pulled and jerked like a wounded animal through the streets to face six different trials - three Jewish and three Roman.

During this time the disciples are running for their lives to hide behind locked doors like frightened rabbits. Supreme Court members are scurrying through the night like rats to find members of the court so they could vote on having Jesus executed and for people willing to tell lies about Jesus in court. A gospel song says:

"They bound on the hands of Jesus in the garden where he prayed. / They led him through the streets in shame. / They spit upon my Savior so clean and pure fy him he's to blame."

THE MASTER

"He (Jesus) committed no sin. They hurled insults their insults at him He did not

retaliate; when they caused him to suffer, he made no threats." - 1 Peter 2

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult; for this is what you are called to do."
1 Peter 3

During that long dark night Simon Peter tells us Jesus never once traded insult for insult or blow for blow. When he did react it was to help the one who hurt him. In the first trial the ex-high priest asked him what he was teaching and Jesus told him he had been preaching out in the open for three years for him to hear.

In other words, before you accuse someone of a wrong, get the facts right personally and don't rely on here say.

When he asked him if he was the Son of God Messiah, which to say, to the Jews, was blasphemy (Jn. 5), Jesus said, "I am!" He would not lie in court

A man came over and slapped him in the face for talking like this. For the first time in human history a human being slapped the face of God.

Jesus did not turn the other cheek literally. He turned it like he wants us to. He asked the man why he did it. In other words, ask yourself why you did this. Examine

your heart and your motives. Until we take a good, honest look at who we are, we will never see the "bad" and see our need for God's forgiveness.

A lot of you might be thinking, "I am not treating Jesus like this, and never will",,when the truth is, a lot of you are. There are many ways to hurt him and one of the worst is is to ignore him.

Jesus said, when he returns at the end of time, conditions on earth will be like they were in Noah's day, when God destroyed the people on earth with the flood.

Genesis six says the main reason was violence, but Jesus did not mention violence. He said people were, "buying, selling; getting married; sowing; reaping; etc." These are not "wrong", the "wrong" is, they had little or no time for God in their lives. They ignored Him like He wasn't there.

After His return we see them listed at the Judgment with those who missed heaven:

Those who had put off salvation / saying I'll be saved by-and-by
They found no time now for religion / But alas, they found time to die.