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Mark 15: 1-5, 15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

## REFLECT

"The crown represents the misunderstanding of Jesus' power. Many thought the Messiah was to be a strong, powerful, militaristic rebellion commander. Kings and governors feared he would be a threat to the crown; a menacing, dethroning force. But Jesus was a servant leader. He spent his days with and serving the downtrodden, the poor, and the meek. Jesus was condemned to death for a crown he did not wear. Pilate's hand points Jesus to his death, attempting to silence the truth he spoke to power."

-Artist Lauren Wright Pittman

## **PRAY**

May I defy the attraction of earthly power, elevate the voices of the marginalized, and speak truth to the powers that oppress.

