



Read: To mock someone is to be contemptuous of them, often using sarcastic language. Read [Mark 15:29-30](#). Consider the mockery being thrown at Jesus and the taunting challenge they give. What would your life hold had he chosen to prove his divinity in that moment?

The anguish Jesus experienced reminds us that he has felt every pain we have ever felt. Read [Psalm 31:3-7](#) quietly. Read it a second time, remembering the anguish of soul Jesus must have felt when mocked as he hung to die. Choose a word, phrase or verse to soak in today.

Think: Review the passage again and ponder the word or phrase that stands out to you. What do you see of God's nature in this? What do you see about his heart for people? For you? Turn this word or phrase over and over in your mind—gently, like a fragile treasure.

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to impart God's message for you from this passage. What is he inviting you to consider? To do? To know? Open your heart and ask him to write his love deeply within you.

Rest: Sit quietly with what you have heard or sensed or experienced. Let all other thoughts go, except the reality of God's presence here and now, with you. Let him love you. If it helps, play worship music in the background. If your mind gets distracted, gently whisper "I receive your love" or "I love you, Lord."

And age by age the Lord Christ is crucified. And we too have crowded eagerly to Calvary and nailed Him to His cross, and laughed up into His face, and watched Him die, and gone our way well pleased and much relieved that we have hustled Him out of the way -- yes, even we.

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