

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

## The scorn of soldiers

<sup>27</sup>The Roman soldiers took Jesus into the palace of the governor and the whole troop gathered around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and dressed him in a purple military cloak. <sup>29</sup>Then, twisting a crown of thorns, they forced it onto his head, and placed a reed in his right hand. They knelt before Jesus and mocked him, saying:

—Long life to the King of the Jews!

<sup>30</sup>They spat on him, took the reed from his hand and struck him on the head with it.

<sup>31</sup>When they had finished mocking him, they pulled off the purple cloak and dressed him in his own clothes again, and led him out to be crucified.

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