

Journey Through Lent - Week 2

If you lived in Jesus' day, your clothes would have been pretty boring. There were basically two color choices: brown and white. It was expensive and time-consuming to make dyes with vibrant colors and purple was one of the most difficult. Purple dye was made by crushing seashells and collecting the very small amounts of liquid that came out, then letting it ferment until it turned purple. It was arduous, tedious work, and it took more than a thousand shells to dye one cloak. So, only the most important royal and religious leaders could afford to wear purple.

In today's scripture passage, soldiers are cruelly making fun of Jesus by calling him a king and pretending to worship him. They find a purple robe and throw it on him to complete their attempted humiliation. To them, the only way someone could be king was to wear fine clothes, look important and order people around. But little did they know, the King of the Universe stood before them, taking their blows, willing to die for them even as they insulted him. This is a king indeed, deserving of the finest luxuries, but instead He is choosing to give up his own life for the sake of others.

In what ways do you see Jesus as King? The soldiers chose to make fun of him, but really they should have been worshipping Him as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The
Purple Cloth

READ

Mark 15:16-19

PRAY

Take a moment to thank Jesus that He is King and loves us so much that He was willing to die for us.

ACT

Create something to celebrate Jesus. It can be a baked good, a banner, a piece of artwork. Use the color of royalty, purple, in your creation. Think about what Jesus is King means.

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