

## John 19:3

### I. Blows Delivered Because Of Membering A Crowd.

- a. They had an individual hatred for Jesus. The psychology of the crowd evidently influenced their action.
- b. Jesus had not done anything to them individually and the blow from their standpoint was not a personal revenge.
- c. It is reasonable to believe that they tried to shift their personal responsibility and momentarily stifled their conscience by placing the blame upon the crowd.
- d. This is impossible. Jesus cannot suffer any general indignity. He suffered a succession of particular insults and assaults. Each one as definite and responsible as if it stood alone. Were individually responsible.

### II. It Was The Fashion Of The Day.

- a. It is easy to follow the fashion in regard to Jesus. That is danger.
- b. The fashion appeals to the baser side of nature, and for the moment blinds us to the true values of life.
- c. The fashions of this world are cruel blows to Jesus, and to all He stands for in the world's hope, to all that He died to accomplish. It is dangerous to act in a fashion parade.

### III. It Was A Parade Of Sport.

- a. The guards in brutal sport smote Christ with their hands.
- b. Then the parade marched past Jesus and in almost automatic fashion each delivered his personal blow.

### IV. The Sense Of Values Were Distorted.

- a. They preferred a murdered to Christ.
- b. They denounced their claim to an inheritance in the Messianic Kingship of Jesus by saying, "We have no king but Caesar."
- c. They delivered their blows publically.
- d. The worst blows were by His disciples.