

Questions for Silent Witnesses

Week 1 - The Thorn

- 1) What did the presentation stir up in you?
- 2) Why did the Thorn feel strengthened?
- 3) What did the Thorn mean when he said he was 'Transformed'?

Read the passage John 19:5-12

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.

He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

- 4) Why did Jesus tolerate all the torture he was subjected to?
- 5) What does Jesus' reaction (question 4) say to us?