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Augustine



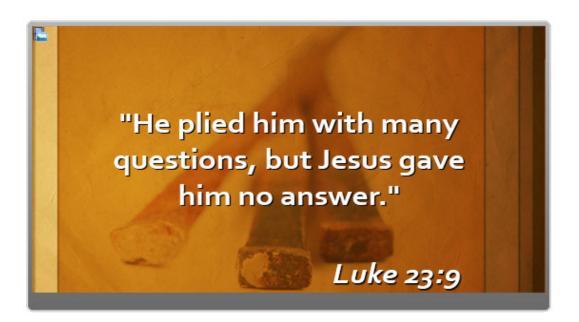
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"Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, 'Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?' But Jesus remained silent."

Matthew 26:62-63a

"So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.' But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15:4-5



"As evening approached, there came a *rich man* from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus."

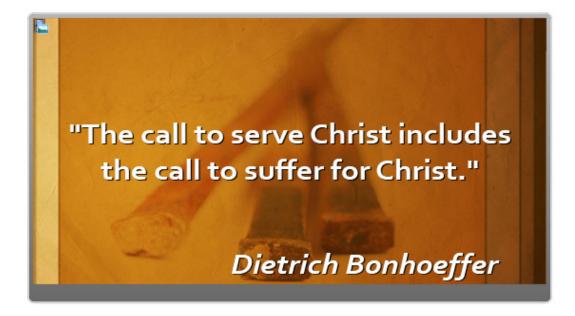
Matthew 27:57

"When people spat in his face, he didn't spit back.
When the bystanders slapped him, he didn't slap them.

When a whip ripped his sides, he didn't turn and command the awaiting angels to stuff that whip down that soldier's throat.

And when human hands fastened the divine hands to a cross with spikes, it wasn't the soldiers who held the hands of Jesus steady. It was God who held them steady."

Chuck Smith



"No matter what form suffering takes, it hurts. You feel the horrible rejection. You've done what is right, but you have been mistreated wrongly.

In the midst of all this remember, God has not abandoned you. He has not forgotten you. He never left.

He understands the heartache brought on by the evil He mysteriously permits so He might bring you to a tender, sensitive walk with Him.

