

# Mark 15:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

## Analysis

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**When they had mocked him, they took off the purple** (ἐνέπαιξαν αὐτῷ, ἐξέδυσαν αὐτὸν τὴν πορφύραν)—The verb *ekdyō* (ἐκδύω, 'strip off') indicates forcible removal. Dried blood would have caused the robe to adhere to His scourge-torn back; ripping it off would have reopened wounds. They returned His own clothes, likely so His execution would appear 'legitimate' rather than theatrical.

**Led him out to crucify him** (ἐξάγουσιν αὐτὸν ἵνα σταυρώσωσιν)—The present tense verbs create vivid immediacy: 'they are leading...they are crucifying.' The Greek *stauroō* (σταυρόω, crucify) derives from *stauros* (cross/stake). Mark's stark, unadorned language mirrors the brutal reality: the Suffering Servant's humiliation transitions to execution. Hebrews 13:12 notes Jesus 'suffered outside the gate'—bearing our sin outside the camp, like the scapegoat (Leviticus 16:21-22).

## Historical Context

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Roman execution protocol required the condemned to carry their own crossbeam (*patibulum*) through crowded streets to the execution site outside city walls. This public procession served as deterrent propaganda. Jewish law required executions outside the city (Leviticus 24:14; Numbers 15:35) to prevent ritual defilement of the community—though crucifixion was purely Roman.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' journey 'outside the gate' (bearing your sin) reshape your understanding of sanctification?
2. What comfort do you find in knowing Christ experienced humiliation's full psychological and physical dimensions?
3. In what ways are you tempted to remove Christ's 'reproach' by conforming His message to worldly respectability?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ὅτε	ἐνέπαιξαν	αὐτόν	ἐξέδυσαν	αὐτόν	τὴν	
And	when	they had mocked	from him	they took off	from him	G3588	
G2532	G3753	G1702	G846	G1562	G846		
πορφύραν	καὶ	ἐνέδυσαν	αὐτόν	τὰ	ἱμάτια	τὰ	ἴδια
the purple	And	on	from him	G3588	clothes	G3588	his own
G4209	G2532	G1746	G846		G2440		G2398
καὶ	ἐξάγουσιν	αὐτόν	ἵνα	σταυρώσωσιν	αὐτόν		
And	led	from him	to	crucify	from him		
G2532	G1806	G846	G2443	G4717	G846		

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