

*Luke 22:63–65*

*And the men that held  
Jesus mocked him,  
and smote him. And  
when they had blind-  
folded him, they struck  
him on the face, and  
asked him, saying,  
Prophesy, who is it  
that smote thee? And  
many other things  
blasphemously spake  
they against him.*

*Luke 23:1–2*

*And the whole multi-  
tude of them arose, and  
led him unto Pilate.  
And they began to  
accuse him...*

# Silent Night

The night that Jesus Christ was born was anything except a Silent Night!!! That little town of Bethlehem had never seen so much excitement! The Heavens were full of hosts of angels signing praises. And after shepherds left their sheep to go find the Christ Child, they ran through the streets telling everyone they could find the Messiah had come! It certainly was not a silent night... But the day Jesus was seized was a very silent night. As guards mocked and beat Him, no one asked them to stop. When Christ was put on trial and the multitudes spoke out against Him, no one defended Him. The ones He loved, the ones He fed, the ones He healed, brought not a word to His aide. It was not just Peter that denied Christ that night, but indeed, all of them that choose to remain silent. How that must have broken the Savior's heart. In this busy "Christmas Season" it certainly would not be categorized as a silent night. We have celebrations, festivities, and activities all month long! But during this wonderful time, are we silent about the most important thing? Jesus truly is the reason for the season, there is no need to be silent... Let the whole world know!!! Like the night of His birth, not His silent death.

