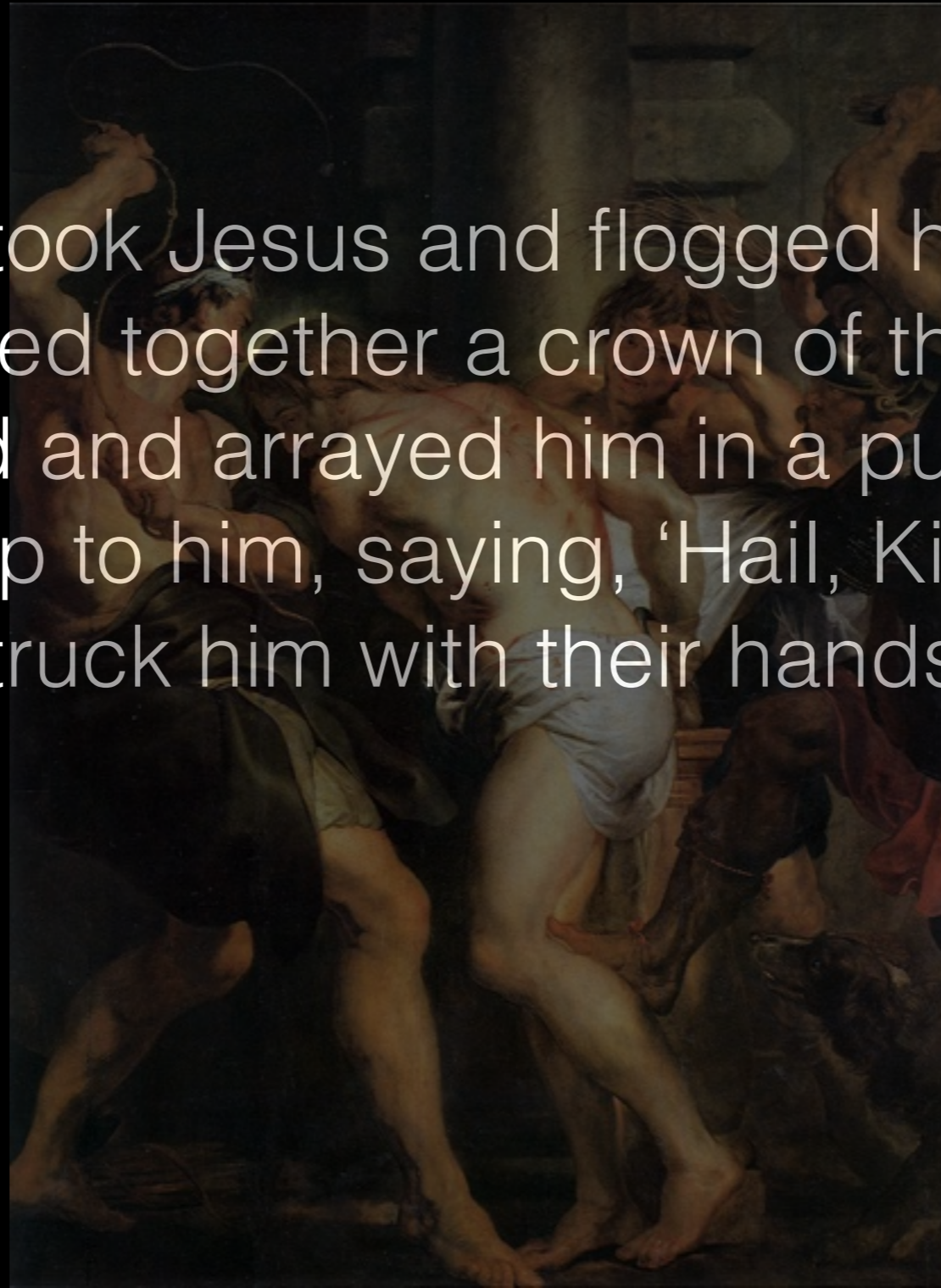


flogging and the crown
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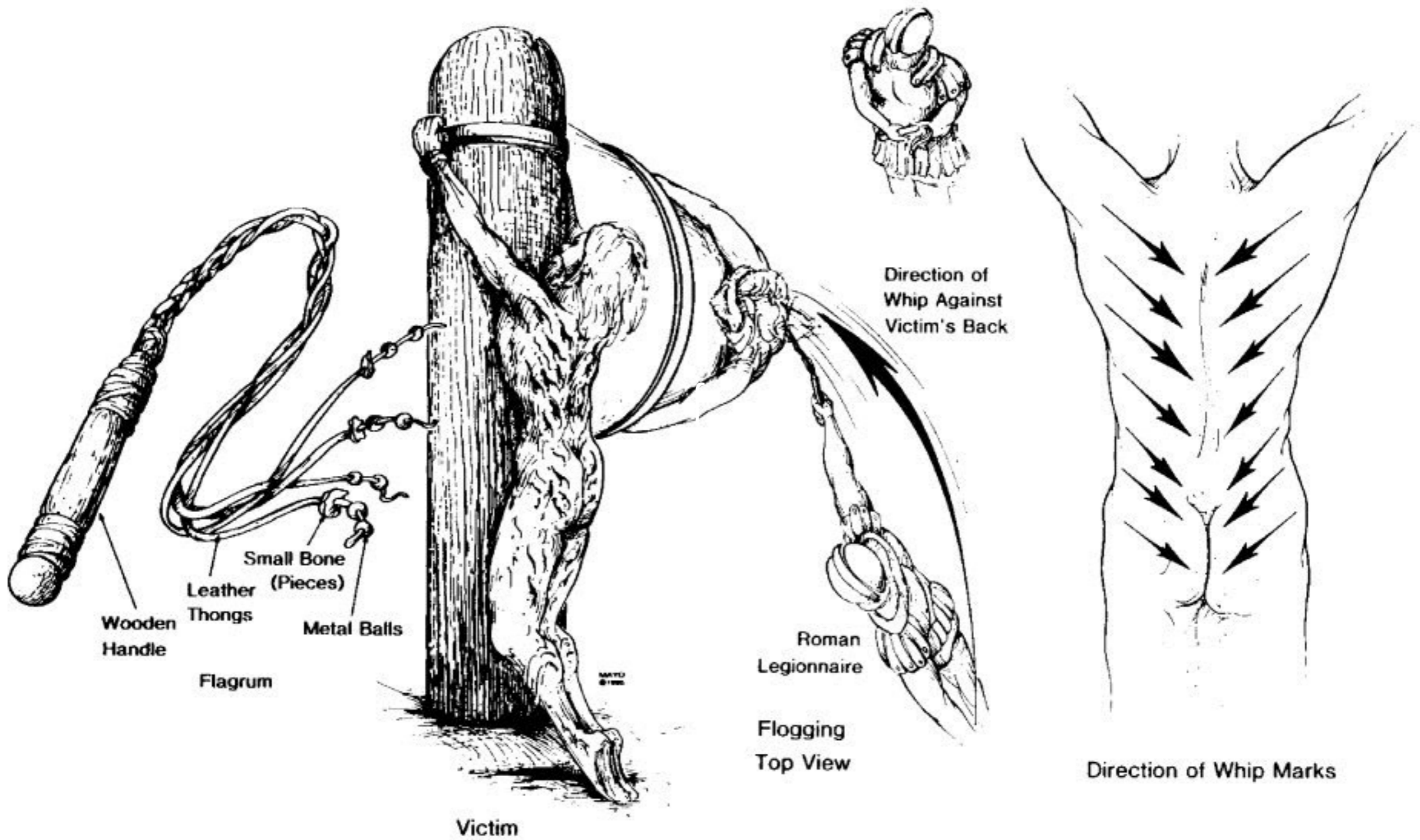
“Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and struck him with their hands.”

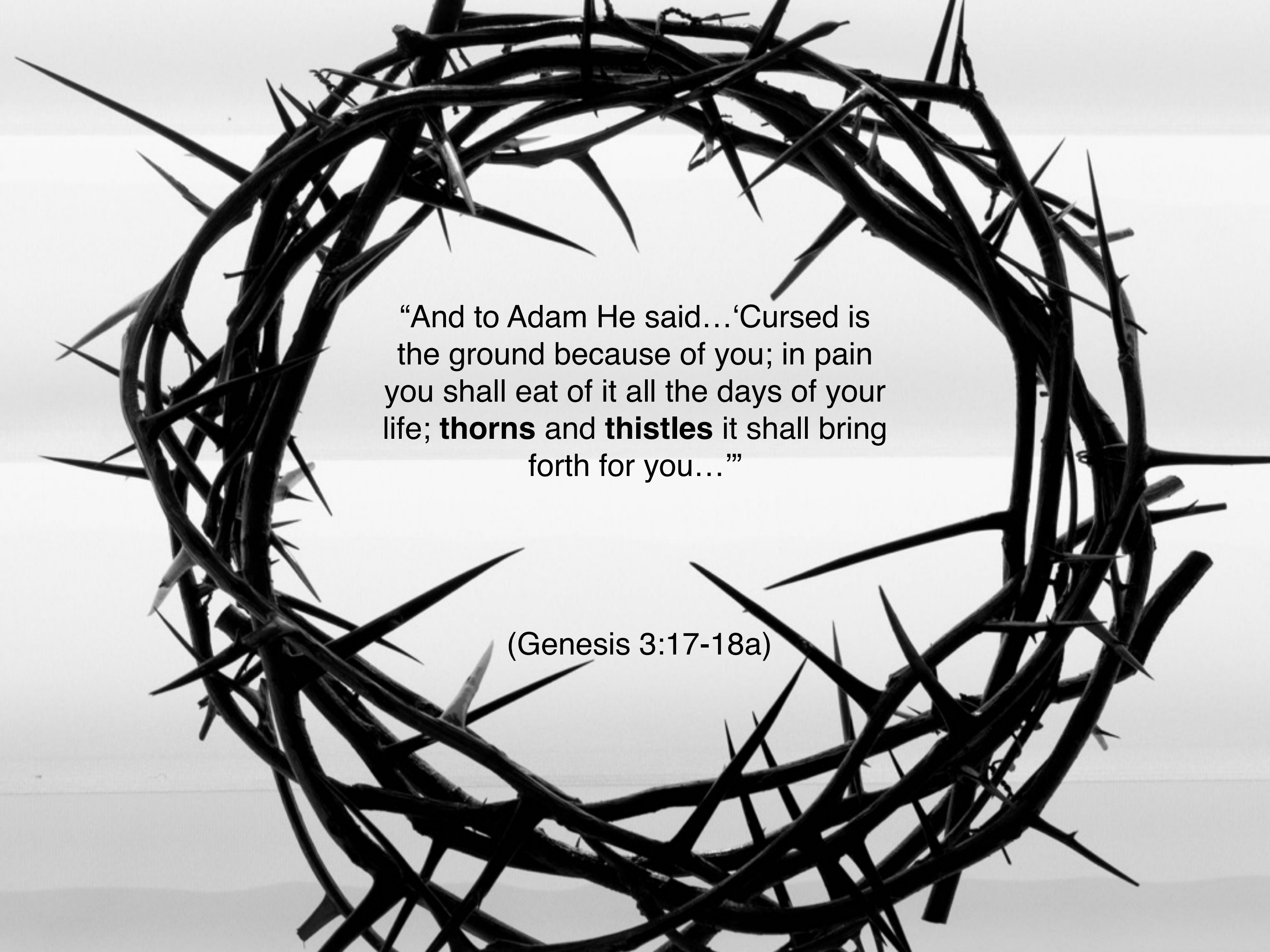
John 19:1-3





Roman Flogging





“And to Adam He said... ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **thorns** and **thistles** it shall bring forth for you...’”

(Genesis 3:17-18a)

While Jesus was fully God, He was also fully man, capable of experiencing all the same physical pain, humiliation, heartbreak, and fears that we can. Considering this, what does it say about God's love and empathy that Jesus willingly endured the mortifying torture of His execution?