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Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. 3:7,8

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Jesus was _____ by one of His own; even Peter denied Him three times, and Christ was scourged, mocked, and _____.

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