Hebrews 11:36

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36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:	36 Some were laughed at and beaten. Others were tied and put into prison.	36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings – Mockery comes in several forms in the Bible:

- Personal disrespect (2 Kings 2:23-25) – How can that influence your witness?

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- Ridicule of leaders or prophets (Isaiah 28:22)
- Mockery of God or His messengers (2 Kings 19:4)
- Mockery of Jesus (Matthew 27:29–31)
- Mockery in the end times (2 Peter 3:3) – How does this impact your witness?

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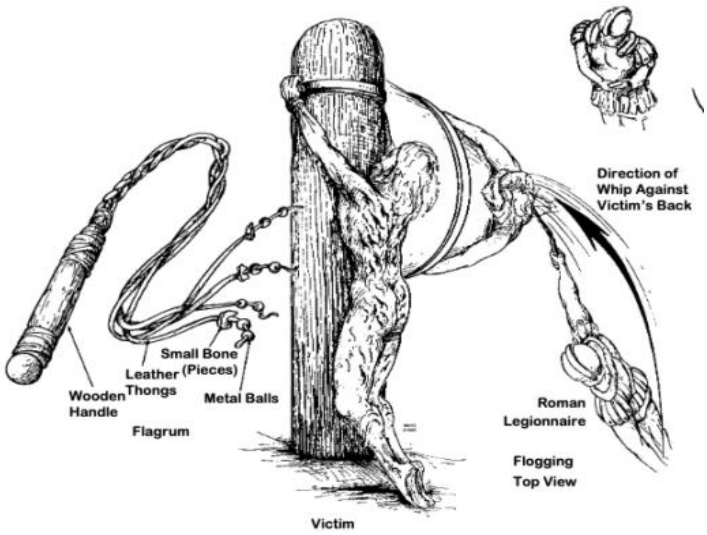
Paraphrase Mark 13:13 _____

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All forms of the word for scourging are used 45 times. Scourging referred to a short whip (flagrum) with lead balls and sheep bones tied into leather thongs. The person was tied to a post naked. Deep stripe-like lacerations.

Flogging is a form of whipping with a single whip or rod, while scourging is a more severe punishment using a multi-tailed whip designed to inflict maximum pain and injury. This is what Jesus endured according to Matthew 27:26 and John 19:1



Yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment – Again we can look at the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah 19:14-20:6; Acts 5:40–41; 16:23–24; 2 Corinthians 11:23–27.

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37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;	37 They were killed with stones and they were cut in half.[a] They were killed with swords. Some wore the skins of sheep and goats. They were poor, abused, and treated badly.	37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two,[a] they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

They were stoned – We know about Stephen being stoned. Also, Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, was stoned according to 2 Chronicles 24:20–22. Compare the final words of Zechariah to Stephen in Acts 7:59. What was the difference? _____

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Speculate on the reason for the difference. _____

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They were sawn asunder– There is no individual listed in the actual Bible sawn asunder (cut in half) by the sword. According to the tradition, Isaiah was tied inside a sack, placed within the hollow of a tree trunk, and then sawed in two. King Manasseh of Judah is said to have ordered this execution.

Were tempted - The early translations, like King James Version, use this term – were tempted or tested - reflecting how these believers tried for their faith. They were tempted to renounce their faith. Even Job faced this kind of trial. See Job 2:9-10. What is his "integrity?" _____
Job never abandoned his trust in the Lord.

Were slain with the sword - This may be literal used, like James was slain with a sword according to Acts 12:2, but this passage just may refer to being killed for faith in God.

They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented – The persecution here refers to the extreme poverty experienced by the early believers. Too poor and poverty stricken. To the point of suffering sickness due to their lack. They suffered mistreatment just because they were believers who would not renounce or compromise their faith.

The Bible never tries to hide the fact that life is full of suffering and pain, tears and turmoil, difficulties and obstacles, sicknesses and death. With the great joy of being in fellowship with God through the blood of Jesus Christ, we must also accept this life's difficulties because of that relationship.