One Friday in July 1174, King Henry II walked three miles barefoot, dressed only in a rough woollen tunic, to Canterbury Cathedral. At the Cathedral Henry was greeted by a silent line of bishops, abbots and monks. Henry lay face down on the stone floor of the cathedral and prayed, then he knelt by the tomb of Thomas Becket and, one by one, the bishops and abbots whipped the King five times. Then it was the turn of the 80 monks. Each monk whipped the King three times.

In Today’s lesson you will discover:

* What the king had done
* Who Thomas Becket was
* Why the king was whipped

It will be your job as History Detectives to solve the Mystery:

Why was the King whipped?