

The Crown of Thorns

Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. ²⁸ They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on His head, and they placed a reed stick in His right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before Him in mockery and taunted, "Hail! King of the Jews!"³⁰ And they spit on Him and grabbed the stick and struck Him on the head with it. ³¹ When they were finally tired of mocking Him, they took off the robe and put His own clothes on Him again. Then they led Him away to be crucified. Matthew 27:27-31

- > The Crown of Thorns Was Not Accidental!
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- > It Was God's Plan before Creation!

1. The Special Sacred Mystery of That Crown

It Symbolizes The Curse Upon _____!

¹⁷ And to the man he said, Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. ¹⁸ It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. Genesis 3:17-18

⁸ But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it. Hebrews 6:8

²² For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:22

He Wore That Crown Because He Bore Our _____ !

2. The Serious Solemn Misery of That Crown

It Represents Pain and _____!

But many were amazed when they saw Him. His face was so disfigured He seemed hardly human, and from His appearance, one would scarcely know He was a man. Isaiah 52:14

Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down.

And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins!

⁵ But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but He was raised to life in the Spirit. I Peter 3:18

He suffered my _____ for me!

3. The Shameful Sickening Mockery of That Crown

The Mockery Represents _____!

**The root of all sin is refusing to bow the knee to your _____!
It is a rebellion!**

*Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? Psalm 2:1
²⁰ This is the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand and the seven gold lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. Revelation 1:20*

He endured our _____!

4. The Seeking Saving Ministry of That Crown

²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Abraham- God will provide the sacrifice!

John Baptist- Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

¹⁴ For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy. Hebrews 10:14

He Made a Way to be _____!

5. The Sovereign Majesty of the Crown

The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the LORD and against His Messiah.'

²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. Acts 4:26-28

He was in _____!

ANSWERS:

Humanity, Curse, Suffering, Hell Fire, Rebellion, Rightful King, Rebellion, Right with God, Complete Control

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