

**March 29, 2026**

**The Crowns of Easter**

**The Crown of Thorns**

**Matthew 27:27-31**

The story of Easter is the greatest redemptive story in all of history. It is the story of Jesus Christ dying in our place for our sins. It is also the story of Jesus Christ defeating death in victory. "The Crowns of Easter," teach us that Jesus suffered for us and Jesus lives for us, so that through His death, burial, and resurrection, we may live

**Additional Verses:**

Isaiah 53:1-12

Mark 15:16-20

Luke 9:51

John 19:1-2

Romans 5:12, 6:10-11

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 9:28

1 Peter 2:21-25

**Outline:**

1. The crown of thorns is a sign of sin.

2. The crown of thorns is a sign of suffering.

3. The crown of thorns is a sign of substitution.

4. The crown of thorns is a sign of sovereignty.

**Study Questions:**

1. How is the crown of thorns a reminder of the curse from Genesis 3?

2. What is the ultimate curse resulting from the fall? What does it mean that Jesus wore a symbol of sin?

3. Why does the crown of thorns represent suffering? Why did Jesus suffer for us? How does this fulfill Isaiah 53?

4. What is the principle of substitution? How was Jesus qualified to be our substitute? Why do we need a substitute?

5. How does the crown of thorns symbolize sovereignty? What does this tell us about the cross and Jesus's sacrifice?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?