

THE CONQUEST OF CHRIST

“The Crown”

Matthew 27:26-31

April 10, 2011

I. The Sacred M of That Crown.

Genesis 3:17, “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.” **The thorn and the thistle are the signs of the curse of sin upon humanity.**

Hebrews 6:18 (NKJV), “But if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected, and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.”

Jesus wore the crown because Jesus bore the curse!

Romans 8:22, “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

II. The Solemn M of That Crown.

Isaiah 52:14, “Just as there were many who were appalled at him -- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness.”

Isaiah 53:4 (KJV), “Surely he hath born our griefs; he hath carried our sorrows.”

The solemn misery of the crown is that **He suffered our hell.**

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

III. The Shameful M of That Crown.

Matt. 27:29, “... and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said.”

They were ridiculing his right to rule. Sin is refusing to bow the knee to your rightful king. Sin is rebellion. Sin is a clinched fist in the face of God.

Psalm 2:1-3, “Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain/RAGE? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One (Messiah). ‘Let us break their chains,’ they say, ‘and throw off their fetters.’”

IV. The Saving M of That Crown

2 Cor. 5:21, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Sin will be pardoned in Christ or punished in hell, but sin will never be overlooked.

Hebrews 10:14, “Because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”

V. The Sovereign M of That Crown.

Acts 4:27, “Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.”

When Jesus wore this crown, he was the sovereign majesty, not a helpless victim!

To Honor “The Crown” I will ...

- Memorize *Isaiah 53:4*, “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.”
- Read and meditate on Genesis 3 or Isaiah 52-53.
- Thank God that Jesus wore my crown of thorns.
- Because Jesus wore my crown of thorns, I will _____