

III. AND YET, THERE IS ONE MORE THING JUST AS REMARKABLE....

Psalm 103:1-4

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits —

3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit
and **crowns you with love and compassion...**

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN OF GOOD FRIDAY

The Most Remarkable Realities of the Crucifixion

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INTRODUCTION

Mark 15:16-20

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. 17 They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a **crowns of thorns** and set it on him.

18 And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" 19 Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

I. THE MOST REMARKABLE THING ABOUT THE CROSS OF GOOD FRIDAY...

A. God the Son Surrendered His _____

Job 36:26 (KJV)

Behold, God is great, and we know him not, **neither can the number of his years be searched out.**

CONCLUSION

John 7:33

Jesus said, "I am with you for **only a short time**, and then I go to the One who sent me."

B. God the Son Surrendered His _____

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, **you are there**; if I make my bed in the depths, **you are there**. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 **even there** your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Colossians 1:19

For God was pleased to have **all his fullness dwell in him...**

John 4:6 (RSV)

Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, **wearied as he was** with his journey, sat down beside the well.

C. God the Son Surrendered His _____

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was **without sin**.

1 John 1:8

If we claim to be **without sin**, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

2 Corinthians 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.

II. THIS IS THE REMARKABLE THING ABOUT THE CROWN OF GOOD FRIDAY

In the Bible, “Thorns” Symbolize the:

_____ of _____

Genesis 3:17-18

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce **thorns** and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.”

Numbers 33:55

But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and **thorns** in your sides.

Proverbs 22:5

In the paths of the wicked lie **thorns** and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.

Matthew 7:16

You will know these people by what they do. Grapes don't come from **thorn** bushes and figs don't come from **thorny** weeds.

Why Did Jesus Do It?

He gave up the CROWN OF HEAVEN for a CROWN OF THORNS so that we might wear the CROWN OF LIFE!

Revelation 2:10

Be faithful even unto death, and I will give you **the crown of life**.