

Greatness

Greatness of the Cross

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John 19:1-16

*“The soldiers twisted together
a crown of thorns
and put it on his head.”*

John 19:2

The King of the Jews

Upon his head, a crown of thorns,
A curse he bore,
redemption sworn.
From pain and sorrow,
hope did spring.
In sacrifice,
arose the King.

Ohana Groups gather to share, pray, and live out God’s Word together.

1. Pain of Mocking that Breaks the Spirit Luke 19:32

Jesus predicted: “They will mock, insult, spit on, flog, kill.”

Lk 22: 63-65 Jewish guards 23:11 Herod & Roman soldiers
35 rulers 36 soldiers at cross 38 written notice 39 criminal

*“May we be more inventive in devising honor for our King than dishonor.
May we offer to Christ the real homage He deserves.”*

2 Punishment of the Curse that Kills the Soul

Gen 3: 17-19 *“Cursed is the ground because of you . . . It will produce thorns . . . By the sweat of your brow you will eat.”*

Christ Redeemed us from the curse by becoming a curse for us. Gal 3:13

3 Perversity of the Son of God Becoming Sin for us

Jn 3: 14,15 *“Just as Moses lifted up the snake” Numbers 21: 5-9*

2 Cor 5:21 *“God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God.”*

Provision— Freedom from the curse

Privilege— Walk in the Spirit.

Responsibility— Bless!

*“When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive
the crown of glory that does not fade away.” 1 Peter 5:4*