

The Promises of the Cross
The Promise of Becoming One Of You
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Key Thought of the Series

The crucifixion of Jesus reveals many **PROMISES** for us that bring us great blessings.

Key Verses of the Series

We will receive the great things that we have been promised. They are being kept safe in heaven for us. They are pure and will not pass away. They will never be lost. 1 Peter 1:4 NLV

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

Key Thought of the Day Last Week

The Promise from Jesus found in the contempt of the soldier's spit is His willingness to be **CURSED** so that we could be **BLESSED**.

Key Verse Of Last Week

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. Galatians 3:13 NIV

Key Verse of the Day

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10 NIV

But who is able to build a temple for him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him? 2 Chronicles 2:6 NIV

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." — Jesus John 4:24 NIV

The Narrative for Today

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. Matthew 27:27-29 NIV

The Key Thought of the Day

Jesus' promise in wearing the _____ is His willingness to become human, so that we could know redemption.

Grab This!

Throughout the Bible, _____ have been the consequence of _____.

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you..." Genesis 3:17-18a

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. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. Numbers 33:55 NIV

Corrupt people walk a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will avoid it. Proverbs 22:5 NLT

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit." Matthew 7:15-17 NLT

Reality Check

The _____ of sin is thorns. — Genesis 22:1-14 NIV

Don't Miss This!

The crown of thorns is a visual representation of the _____ of sin.

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

Grab This!

The Crown of Thorns is a reminder to us that Jesus was willing to become _____, so that He could die as our sacrifice and we could be redeemed.

Isaiah 53 CEV

Because Jesus Became One Of Us...

1. We received a _____.

Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. Hebrews 7:27 NIV

2. We have a Savior who understands the power of _____.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:15 NIV

3. He understands that life can be _____.

4. He was able to _____.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." — Jesus, Matthew 5:17 NIV

5. We can _____ God better.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation... Colossians 1:19-22 NIV

The Bottom Line

By becoming one of us, Jesus gave up the Crown of Heaven to receive the Crown of Thorns, so that we could know _____.