

Why did Jesus wear a crown of thorns?

The **THORN** is the very product of man's sin and part of the curse upon the ground for man's sake. Jesus came to bear the curse for man. To pay the price for our sin. (Genesis 3:17-18; Joshua 23:13-16)

A **HEDGE OF THORNS** was used to protect, defend, encircle, and guard (Job 1:10) The Shepherds would weave branches of thorn into hedges around their sheep. They would lie in the *door* to guard against wolves.

Jesus tells us: **John 10:11 (NASB)** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
John 10:9 (NASB) I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

The Jerusalem Thorn

A huge **TREE**, not a bush, of about 15-20 ft tall. With *many* branches that *hung low* with *fruit*. Speaks of Jesus as the **TREE OF LIFE**, hung on a tree for you and me.

Galatians 3:13 (KJV) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:

The **BRANCHES** hung low. Speaks of how soldiers desired to humiliate Jesus. How humble and meek this great Son of God was! **Meek which is strength under control!**

The many branches of Christ the righteous Branch, the Branch of Jehovah. (Jeremiah 23:5)

Jesus tells us **John 15:5 (KJV)** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

The **ROOT** flourishes in dry ground. **Isaiah 53:2 (KJV)** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground:

The **SAP** ran crimson red, just like blood (**Ephesians 2:13**)

The **SAP** and **FLESH** were used for making bread (**John 6:35**)

The **ROOT BARK** was used for medicine. (**Isaiah 53:5**)

The **LEAVES** and **FRUIT** filled the air with sweetness, especially when crushed (**Ephesians 5:2**)

The **FRUIT** itself is sweet and light. It is of many colors. (**Matthew 25:32**)

The **WOOD** is used for building. (**Mark 6:3**)

The **THORNS** grew 3 to 4 inches long and sharp as razors in pairs, one straight, one crooked like the two thieves on either side of Jesus Christ, one saved, one lost. (**Matthew 27**)

Where did the lost sinner go? He went to the fires of hell. Why? The branches that are not connected to the vine are dead and they are gathered together and placed in the fire:

John 15:6 (KJV) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Jesus Christ is returning soon as King of Kings,
Lord of Lords,
and all knees shall bow
....some too late to be saved!

Have you crowned Jesus Christ King, in your heart?

