

## SUNDAY MORNING

3/28/21

*Dr. Joel R. Beeke*

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 219

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 27:11–31

Prayer

Psalter 199

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:29

### **Jesus' Crown of Thorns**

1. *A symbol of His prophesied suffering*
2. *A symbol of His priestly substitution*
3. *A symbol of His kingly love*

Psalter 243:10, 11, 14, 15 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 125:1–5

Doxology of Praise (pg. 415)

Benediction

1. *How does Jesus' thorns serve as a comprehensive symbol of all His suffering?*
2. *How was the cruel wickedness of the soldiers part of God's foreordained plan?*
3. *How is every sin a thorn in Christ's crown?*
4. *How do thorns serve as a physical symbol of God's curse upon sin and disobedience?*
5. *How is Jesus' crown of thorns a symbol that God placed all His wrath and curse—even the curse of forsakenness—on the head of His Son?*
6. *Explain this statement: Adam's sin caused thorns; the last Adam was tortured with thorns for fallen sons of Adam.*
7. *How is Jesus' kingship at the center of the soldiers' mockery and their crowning Him with thorns?*
8. *How can you, dear believer, see Christ's kingly love for your soul in His crown of thorns?*

**Personal question:** *Have you ever experientially realized that your sins were the cause of every thorn in Jesus' crown?*

## SUNDAY EVENING

*Student John Byl*

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 48:1–3

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26–45

Reading of the Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Psalter 47:3, 4, 7–9

Sermon Text: Luke 23:39–43

Lord's Day 17

### **Life Found in the Midst of Death**

*1. Spiritual Life Evidenced!*

*2. Eternal Life Ensured!*

Psalter 29 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 174

Doxology (Psalter 199:4, 5)

Benediction

- 1. What three-fold purpose does the Gospel of Mark give for why Jesus came into the world that the disciples initially failed to grasp?*
- 2. What was the thief's confession of himself? What is your confession of yourself?*
- 3. What was the thief's confession of Jesus? What is your confession of Jesus Christ?*
- 4. In what ways was the thief's faith evidenced in his cry, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom?"*
- 5. How are Christ's words, "Verily I say unto thee, Today thou shalt be with me in paradise" a comfort to the child of God?*

***For discussion and personal reflection:*** *The Catechism provides three ways that the resurrection of Christ profits us. How are these three benefits seen in our passage today? How are they seen in your life?*

- a. That He might make sinners partakers of His righteousness*
- b. That by His power he raises sinners up to a new life*
- c. That He gives a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection*