

# Easter Series: Three Crowns

**Matthew 26:6-13; 27:27-31**

## Launch

This past week we talked about the crowns that Jesus received. In Matthew 26 and 27, we learned that Jesus took on the crown of worship and the crown of thorns. Both of these crowns were given by humanity; one that symbolized Jesus being anointed as King and one that symbolized Jesus having the curse of human sin placed onto him. As we enter into Holy week, we must remember that Jesus took on the crown of thorns and God's wrath for us and in return we must anoint and crown him with worship and praise.

## Explore

**Read the passage: Matthew 26:6-13; 27:27-31**

*After reading the passage, what sticks out? Is there anything to contrast between the two passages?*

With your group lay out the events of Holy week. *Start on Sunday with Jesus entering Jerusalem and go to Sunday when Jesus is raised from the dead.*

## Apply

The woman poured out her most expensive perfume onto Jesus and the disciples thought it was a waste. *What would it look like for you to be in the position of the woman? Would you be willing to anoint Jesus in such a way? Have you ever acted like the disciples when seeing someone perform reverent praise?*

We are the reason that Jesus was given the crown of thorns. *How should we respond in knowing this? How much value do you place in Jesus in your everyday life?*

## Pray

*Easter is an opportunity for non-believers and people who only come to church twice a year to hear the gospel and hear about Jesus' sacrifice. Pray for these people who will walk through the doors on Saturday and Sunday. Pray that there are open and sensitive hearts and minds towards the gospel.*

There will be no group discussion notes next week!