



A crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, is shown resting on a surface of water. The crown is made of dark, thorny branches with several sharp, pointed spikes rising from it. The background is a soft-focus view of a body of water under a cloudy sky, with the sun or moon visible in the distance, creating a serene yet somber atmosphere.

For This Purpose I Was Born

John 18:37



Born to be King

For to us a child is born (Isa. 9:6-9)

- “the **government** shall be upon his shoulder...”
- “of **his government** and of peace there will be no end...”
- “on the **throne** of David and over **his kingdom**...”
- The “*Prince of Peace*” rules in justice and righteousness
- David prophesied it (Psalm 110:1-2)
- Jesus affirmed it (John 18:33-37)
- Peter preached it (Acts 2:33-36)

To bear witness of the truth

I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

- **Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths (7:2, 10)**
 - “during evenings... the court of women was brilliantly lighted as a symbol that God would “rekindle for them the Great Light” in the days of the Messiah.” – Waldron
- **I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12-18)**
 - “*Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness...*” (12)
 - “*Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true*” (14)

Everyone is of truth who listens to my voice

I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:14)

- **Jesus had just healed the man born blind (9:1-41)**
 - His “shepherds” did not believe and “*cast him out*” (30-34)
 - Jesus heard and found him (35-39)
 - “*Some of the Pharisees near Him heard these things...*” (40)
- **Those before are thieves, robbers, hired hands (10:1-13)**
- **I Am the Good Shepherd (John 10:14-15)**
 - *I have other sheep... and they will listen to my voice” (16)*

To bear witness of the truth

- Jesus came *“full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14, 17)
- Worship must be *“in truth”* (John 4:23-24)
- The **truth** has the power to set free (John 8:32-33)
- Holy Spirit is the *“Spirit of Truth”* (John 14:17;15:26;16:13)
- God’s sanctifying word is **truth** (John 17:17)
- Jesus came *“to bear witness of the truth”* (18:37)



Peace

Love

Truth

Hope

Joy



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