THE CRADLE, CROSS AND CROWN
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INTRO:

Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect upon the goodness of God and give thanks to Him for all that He's done for us. If we're trying to find reasons to give thanks, **PS. 136** would be quite helpful: His mercy, wonders, the heavens, the earth, the great lights, the sun, moon and stars, His power that defeated the Egyptians, that parted the Red Sea, for fighting for His people, and food. Nothing is more important than thanking Him for sending Jesus to destroy the works of Satan and restore us to a right relationship with God. As we celebrate thanksgiving, our focus will be on the three major stages in the life of Christ – The Cradle, The Cross and the Crown.

THE CRADLE: LK. 2:10-14

The Cradle represents the incarnation of Christ and reminds us of the humility of God. **PHIL. 2:5-8 AMPC**. Jesus set aside all the privileges of being God in order to become a man in order to redeem us and reconcile us back to God.

THE CROSS: PHIL. 2:8 AMPC

The Cross reminds us of our inability to pay our sin debt and how Christ came to take our place, die our death, suffer our wrath and pay our sin debt. **COL. 2:13-15.**

THE CROWN: PHIL. 2:9-11 NLT

The Crown reminds us that the story of our redemption is not only about the past. The crown lifts our eyes to the risen and reigning Lord who came in humility and will come again in glory. Every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the Glory of the Father.

CONCLUSION:

Ther are no words to express the gratitude our Lord deserves for what He did for us to be saved from eternal destruction. May we all reflect on the true meaning of the Cradle, the Cross and the Crown and do our best to offer thanksgiving to the one who gave His life to save us and give us eternal life.