

## The Cross

### **Revealed Truths**

The cross is the love of God.  
The cross is the gift of God.  
The cross is the power of God.  
Some key verses:

**Jn 3:16, Ro 6:23, 1Co 1:17,18, 1Co 1:23,24**

### **Exposed Falsehoods**

It is false to think that we can be saved by our good works.  
It is false to think that the cross condones sin.  
Some key verses:

**Eph 2:8,9, Ro 6:1,2**

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### **The Cross is the Love of God**

The cross is the love of God. (**Isa 49:15,16, Jn 3:16, Jn 15:13**)

### **The Cross is the Gift of God**

Salvation is a free gift to all who believe. (**Ro 3:23,24, Ro 5:16,17, Ro 6:23, Rev 22:17**)  
Salvation is not by works. (**Isa 64:6, Ro 3:28, Ro 4:13, Ro 9:30-33, Ro 11:5,6, Gal 2:16, Eph 2:8,9, Tit 3:4,5**)

### **The Cross is the Power of God**

The cross is the power of God. (**Jn 12:32,33, Ro 1:16, 1Co 1:17,18, 1Co 1:23,24, 1Co 2:1-5, 1Co 13:8** (charity = love = the cross), **2Co 5:14-17** (for verse 16, compare **1Co 2:14**))

### **We are to be Crucified with Christ**

We are to be crucified with Christ. (**Mt 10:38, Ro 6:6, 2Co 4:10, Gal 2:20, Gal 5:24, Gal 6:14**)  
We are to be dead to sin. (**Ro 6:1,2, Php 3:18,19, 1Jn 3:4-9, Rev 12:17**)  
We are to be living, spiritual sacrifices. (**Ro 12:1,2, 1Pe 2:5**)

### **The Cross Remembered**

Last supper (**Mt 26:26-28**)

"... this is my body. ... this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Betrayal 

Gethsemane (**Mt 26:36-46**)

Prayer, sorrow, agony, wrestling.

The disciples slept.

"... nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." 

Arrest (**Mt 26:48-54**)

Betrayed with a kiss.

Did not call on the angels to rescue Him.

Trial (**Mt 26:59,63,64,67,68**)

False witnesses.

"Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Spit in His face, struck Him with their fists, slapped Him, mocked Him

Pilate and Herod (**Lk 23:6-23, Mt 27:11-14,20-26**)

Silent to accusations

The throng chose Barabbas over Jesus

People cried out "Let him be crucified." (**Mt 27:23**) ■

People said "His blood be on us, and on our children." (**Mt 27:25**)

Chief priests said "We have no king but Caesar." (**Jn 19:15**)

Jesus scourged (whip with lacerating ends). (**Jn 19:1**)

Soldiers (**Mt 27:27-31, Jn 19:2,3**)

Crown of thorns

Purple robe

Hit His head with a reed

Hit His face with their hands

Spat upon Him

Crucifixion (**Mt 27:33-51, Mk 15:22-39, Lk 23:33-48, Jn 19:17-37**)

Jesus carries His cross. ■

Simon from Cyrene forced to carry His cross.

Jesus either fell or was too weak to continue carrying it. (**Mt 27:32**) ■

Golgotha (The Place of a Skull) (**Mt 27:33**)

Calvary [Gr. kranion (kran-ee'-on)] - "a skull ("cranium")" (Strong's Dictionary) (**Lk 23:33**)

Nails in hands and feet ■

Sign - "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS" ■

Jesus refused to drink the pain killer mixed in an alcoholic drink.

People insulted and mocked Him, robbers also heaped insults on Him

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (**Lk 23:34**)

"I thirst." (**Jn 19:28** compare **Ps 69:21**)

"Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (**Jn 19:26,27**)

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (**Mt 27:46** compare **Ps 22:1**) ■

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (**Lk 23:46** compare **Ps 31:5**)

"It is finished." (**Jn 19:30**)

Curtain of the temple torn in two from the top to the bottom (**Mk 15:38**, see **Heb 10:19-22**)

Side pierced by spear ■

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