



**WHY
THE
CROSS?**

The Cross is an instrument of torture and death. It is one of the most brutal forms of execution in all of history. It was a public shame for all to see.

The Cross was a way of killing human flesh by slow suffocation. It would slowly kill the heart and suffocate the breath of life out of someone.

Man's end is death. No matter how hard we try, we cannot overcome death. Whether rich or poor, famous or obscure, death is our end.

Man cannot save himself from this doom. We have all sinned against God, and God has put all of humanity under the curse of death. We are utterly helpless. You may try, but you will not prevail. God declares: The wages of sin is death.

God looked down and saw our helplessness. He desired to save us and to offer a way of escape and life, but he could not ignore our sin.

God decided to reach down into his creation and become flesh like us. The Christ was born and dwelt among us. His name was Jesus.

Jesus was the only one who had the right to eternal life. He never sinned. His heart and spirit were completely pure. He was the Anointed One of the Father to rule the earth in righteousness.

But Jesus had a mission to complete. His kingdom cannot have sinners in it. He cannot accept the corrupt and defiled. How could we ever get in? God had a plan, and it was the cross!

The Cross is where 2 paths meet once and for all. It is where a holy God meets sinful man. It is where God's justice meets his grace. It is where eternal life meets death itself. It's at the cross!

Christ became our substitute! He took our guilt, our sin, our corruption, and our rightful death, so that we could have his innocence, his righteousness, his purity, and ETERNAL LIFE!

Christ died for us! His shameful death proves our helplessness. The flesh must die. We need a new spirit. And it all begins at the cross.

Don't trust your own goodness. You cannot prevail. Trust the ONE who died and rose again!

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