

What Should the Cross
Mean to Me?

Who Was Crucified?

- A perfectly innocent man who had done no wrong.
- Admitted by the one who ordered His death.
Matt. 27:23-24
 - Not only legally innocent, but morally and spiritually pure.
Heb. 4:14, 15; 1 Pet. 2:22
- Went about doing good. Acts 10:38
- The Son of God. John 1:1-3, 14
 - At the cross, the creature killed his Creator.

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 - Peter and John followed Him to the high priest's house, but neither stood up for Him.
 - Peter denied Him. Matt. 26:69-75

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- “A Roman implement for severe bodily punishment....It consisted of a handle, to which several cords or leather thongs were affixed, which were weighted with jagged pieces of bone or metal, to make the blow more painful or effective....The victim was tied to a post [or suspended in air]....In the tense position of the body, the effect can easily be imagined.” ISBE

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- Carrying His cross.

The Crucifixion Itself

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Love!

- God so loved. John 3:16
- The God who hated sin chose to offer the propitiation. Rom. 3:23-26
- Love for a rebellious world. Rom. 5:8-10
- The greatest of all loves. John 15:12-13
- Don't forget Gethsemane.
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Rev. 1:5

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- How does this affect you?
- Does it inspire you to love Him? 1 John 5:3
- Will you become a Christian?
- If already a Christian, will you become more faithful?
- Will you be obedient? Phil. 2:8

Conclusion

- Please don't live so as to make His death meaningless. Heb. 10:26-31
- Will you come to that sacrificial death now?
 - 1 John 1:7-9
 - Romans 6:3-4; Mark 16:15-16