

THE CROSS

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Each week, read the scripture passage out loud. Silently and slowly, read it again and notice if anything stands out to you. What does this passage reveal to you about Jesus and the Cross?

MARCH 5 | THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Various belief systems and off-shoots of Christianity have tried to minimize or do away with the need for the cross. We must keep the teachings of the cross front and center.

MARCH 12 | THE REASON FOR THE CROSS

Romans 3:9-20

It can be hard to understand the devastation of sin and how it created a divide between a loving, holy God and us. God's love for us was the driving force behind the choice to die on the cross.

MARCH 19 | THE JUSTICE OF THE CROSS

Romans 2:1-16

The cross is the place where God's wrath and justice confronts sin and darkness. Jesus chose to suffer and die for our sins because a price had to be paid to make things right.

MARCH 26 | THE HEART OF THE CROSS

1 John 4:7-12

God didn't have to respond to the collision of sin and justice but chose to for love's sake. The greatest example of love is when someone lays down their life for their friend. Jesus does this for us.

APRIL 2 | THE SATISFACTION OF THE CROSS

Isaiah 53

Jesus satisfied the demands of sin by substituting himself in our place. By dying on the cross, Jesus fulfills the prophecies of Isaiah 53 and becomes the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

APRIL 9 | TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Matthew 16:21-28

The cross doesn't just serve as the source of our righteousness but as a model for our lives. We are called to “deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him.” The cross changes everthing.

APRIL 16 | EASTER SUNDAY | THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 15

The resurrection is the greatest upset victory in the history of the world. It validates the finished work of the cross by destroying the power of sin, evil and death and opening the door to life.