



THE CROSS

Jesus came to earth to reunite us to God through his finished work on the Cross. The Cross is the place where Jesus brings us to God. The Cross reveals the character of God and His love for lost sinners. It is the place where the wounds of sin are Healed. On the Cross Jesus modeled victory by his suffering. The death of Jesus becomes our life and His shame becomes our glory. Jesus teaches us that our suffering can also lead to Glory. If we struggle with a vice or addiction. The Cross is a place of freedom where we die to our sinfulness and released from guilt.

Jesus was stripped and hung on the Cross. We too must be stripped before the Cross. Stripped from our selfishness and sinful behavior. By dying on the Cross Jesus transforms the most horrifying instrument of torture into the most perfect instrument of His Mercy, Glory, and our Salvation. Jesus did two things before he was hung on the Cross. He emptied himself and humbled himself. He emptied himself by taking the form of a slave. He was rich in His divinity yet for our sake He became poor, so that by His poverty we may be rich. He Humbled Himself to the point of death on the Cross, the lowest humiliation a punishment reserved for the lowest criminals.

The victory of Jesus on the Cross is also referred to as the “Triumph on the Cross”. Because in triumph we take back that which rightfully belongs to us. We take back what Jesus has already won for us on the Cross: Our: love, peace, and joy. The Cross is no longer an instrument of torture but a sign of life, Salvation and Triumph.

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