

# The Enigma Of The Cross

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in this thoughtful comprehensive study of scripture tradition and the modern world john r w stott brings readers face to face with the centrality of the cross in god s plan of redemption

the mystery of the cross is a series of reflections on the passion of christ and his death written by one of the best loved religious figures in the united kingdom cardinal hume s other books include to be a pilgrim searching for god the mystery of love basil in blunderland see listing on page 5 and footprints of the northern saints

there is a lot of mystery surrounding the cross this book details a step by step account of the events leading to on the cross in the grave as well as events on the resurrection morning it sheds light on the spiritual significance of the three days and nights when jesus christ obtained the greatest victory for us

It is sometimes said that the great question of the hour for the church's belief is christological it is the question of Christ's person that is true but it is the question of the cross all the same (p16 written over seventy years ago p 16) forsyth's (cruciality of the cross) continues to provide an excellent and vital foundation for an understanding of the Christian doctrine of the atonement

why do you wear a cross why is the universal symbol of Christianity the method of Jesus' execution this morbid fascination with crucifixion biblical is the death of Jesus to be the dominant theme of Christianity what is the reason for the irrational contempt and hatred for the cross in today's culture in understanding the mystery of the cross author Mike Beecham explains why only crucifixion could redeem humanity no other death would do some of the topics addressed in this book how man was separated from God and reconciled to God at a tree the similarities between Adam's fall and Jesus' crucifixion how God used the blueprint of man's fall in the Garden of Eden as a pattern to follow to provide man's redemption at the cross of Christ how this ancient event impacts our life today join the author on a journey to discover not only what happened to Jesus on that cross but what happened to you

overview to help celebrate the fourth centenary of the birth of St. John of the Cross in 1542 Edith Stein received the task of preparing a study of his writings she uses her skill as a philosopher to enter into an illuminating reflection on the difference between the two symbols of cross and night pointing out how entering the night is synonymous with carrying the cross she provides a condensed presentation of John's thought on the active and passive nights as discussed in the Ascent of Mount Carmel and the Dark Night all of this leads Edith to speak of the glory of resurrection that the soul shares through a unitive contemplation described chiefly in the living flame of love in the summer of 1942 the Nazis without warrant took Edith away the nuns found the manuscript of this profound study lying open in her room because of the Nazis' merciless persecution of Jews in Germany Edith Stein traveled discreetly across the border into Holland to find safe harbor in the Carmel of Echt but the Nazi invasion of Holland in 1940 again put Edith in danger the cross weighed down heavily as those of Jewish birth were harassed Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross's superiors then assigned her a task they thought would take her mind off the threatening situation the fourth centenary of the birth of St. John of the Cross 1542 was approaching and Edith could surely contribute a valuable study for the celebration it is no surprise that in view of her circumstances she discovered in the subject of the cross a central viewpoint for her study a subject like this enabled her to grasp John's unity of being as expressed in his life and works using her training in phenomenology she helps the reader apprehend the difference in the symbolic character of cross and night and why the night symbol prevails in John she clarifies that detachment is designated by him as a night through which the soul must pass to reach union with God and points out how entering the night is equivalent to carrying the cross finally in a fascinating way Edith speaks of how the heart or fountainhead of personal life an inmost region is present in both God and the soul and that in the spiritual marriage this inmost region is surrendered by each to the other she observes that in the soul seized by God in

contemplation all that is mortal is consumed in the fire of eternal love the spirit as spirit is destined for immortal being to move through fire along a path from the cross of christ to the glory of his resurrection

many know of the cross but do not know or understand its power we hear of christ being crucified but do not see why it is so important and exactly all that it has done for the world in this book every accomplishment of the cross is described clearly it goes deep into what truly happened when jesus gave his life up for everyone in the world it demonstrates and tests many doctrines taught about the cross and even salvation if you want to go deep and learn why jesus death was and is the most powerful action in the world then you must read this book it is truth based solely on the bible about the greatest act in human history

john stott presents bible studies based on his book the cross of christ on the meaning and purpose of the cross in our lives these thirteen session lifeguide bible study provide the ever increasing understanding of the cross needed by every believer

the question often arises how it is with so much church going bible reading and prayer that the christian fails to live the life of complete victory over sin and lacks the love and joy of the lord one of the most important answers undoubtedly is that he does not know what it is to die to himself and to the world yet without this god s love and holiness cannot have their dwelling place in his heart he has repented of some sins but knows not what it is to turn not only from sin but from his old nature and self will yet this is what the lord jesus taught he said to the disciples that if any man would come after him he must hate and lose his own life he taught them to take up the cross that meant they were to consider their life as sinful and under sentence of death they must give up themselves their own will and power and any goodness of their own when their lord had died on the cross they would learn what it was to die to themselves and the world and to live their life in the fullness of god our lord used the apostle paul to put this still more clearly paul did not know christ after the flesh but through the holy spirit christ was revealed in his heart and he could testify i am crucified with christ i live no longer christ liveth in me in more than one of his epistles the truth is made clear that we are dead to sin with christ and receive and experience the power of the new life through the continual working of god s spirit in us each day as the season of lent approaches each year our thoughts will be occupied with the sufferings and death of our lord emphasis will be laid in the preaching on christ for us on the cross as the foundation of our salvation less is said about our death with christ the subject is a deep and difficult one yet every christian needs to consider it it is my earnest desire to help those christians who are considering this great truth that death to self and to the world is necessary for a life in the love and joy of christ in the secret of the cross andrew murray seeks to explain the chief words of our lord and of his disciples on this subject he offers these two points to the reader first take time to read over what you do not understand at once spiritual truth is not easy to grasp but experience has taught that god s words taken into the heart and meditated on with prayer help the soul by degrees to understand the truth and secondly be assured that only through

the continual teaching of the holy spirit in your heart will you be able to appropriate spiritual truths the great work of the holy spirit is to reveal christ in our hearts and lives as the crucified one who dwells within us let this be the chief aim of all your devotion complete dependence on god and an expectation of continually receiving all goodness and salvation from him alone thus will you learn to die to yourself and to the world and will receive christ the crucified and glorified one into your heart and be kept through the continual working of the holy spirit

the publication of the first edition of the cross our only hope in 2008 established it as a foundational work of contemporary holy cross spirituality this thoroughly revised edition which features many new contributions is a must have for members of the congregation of holy cross its friends lay collaborators benefactors and anyone interested in the spiritual tradition of the religious order priests and brothers of the congregation of holy cross including pastors teachers and administrators offer an introduction to the rich vibrant spirituality of the congregation through a series of daily reflections on the themes of holy cross spirituality trust in god zeal compassion hope in the cross discipleship and education in the faith this revised edition includes a new foreword a new introduction by the authors new reflections new contributors including more international contributors than the previous edition and quotes from st andré bessette who was canonized in 2010 the ministries of the congregation of holy cross include ave maria press the university of notre dame the university of portland stonehill college king s college and many other holy cross schools and institutions around the world

andrew murray relates in this work the importance of the cross to christian belief and to the lessons which jesus christ wanted to teach all of mankind although demonstratively brief murray s explanations contain a conviction and poignancy explaining the centrality and vitality of the crucifix to the christian faith the crucifixion s importance in christ s message and destiny and the reasons behind why his spirit was led to a painful end upon the cross are keenly discussed by murray he delivers explanations of the cross as a symbol of christian attainment wherein god takes possession of the human soul and frees it from sin for eternity andrew murray authored 200 works on the religion and ministry of christianity the bible and on topics inspiring christians to lead virtuous and happy lives murray spent most of his life imparting the word of god in churches throughout south africa and in the 1880s became an important figure in the founding of the south african general mission

the fallen cross stands as a symbol for the spiritual condition of the church of jesus christ in the early days of the twenty first century in many places and many churches the cross has fallen to the ground instead of boasting in the cross we have neglected it substituting in its place religious activity and therapeutic language designed to help us feel better about ourselves and yet when the story is truly told it must be said that christianity is supremely the religion of the cross at the center of our faith a dying man hangs suspended between heaven and earth pastor ray pritchard takes a fresh look at the cross and the god man on it and asks who is he why is he there what are the words he is speaking what did the cross

mean to god what did the cross mean to satan what does the cross mean to you today pastor ray pritchard asks these spiritually provocative questions in what will prove to be a spiritual tonic for your soul center your world around the anchor of our faith the cross discover the atonement found where grace and wrath meet linger at the foot of the cross

citing the biblical canon evangelical speaker and author jessie penn lewis discusses the pivotal roles that the cross plays in the bible and wider christianity this book aims to teach readers how vital the cross which christ carried and was crucified upon is to christianity the cross gained a multi faceted symbolism in the holy scriptures and it is in this book that jessie penn lewis explains with frequent citations of the new testament the various attributes of significance that the cross has each of the ten chapters covers a specific theme these topics include how the cross proclaims one s adherence to and following of the principles of jesus christ the role of the cross in the christian revival whereby god flows through the human soul and spirit the cross as a powerful symbol suitable for one to contemplate in quieter moments of prayer the cross as a means of deepening one s relationship with christ following the path set by him and liberating one s spirit

a stirring study for the maturing christian by prolific author jessie penn lewis on finding victory in death of self and life and power in christ through atonement looks at how christ s work of atonement on the cross affects every aspect of the christian faith

one of today s most popular and respected catholic writers presents the first guide to the new stations of the cross reflecting the revisions made by pope john paul ii a traditional devotion for catholics for more than four hundred years the stations of the cross commemorates the route jesus traveled from being sentenced to death crucified and then buried in a borrowed tomb on the outskirts of jerusalem in the past the devotion included a number of stations based on popular stories of piety and devotion but not mentioned in the gospels over the past eight years however pope john paul ii has made substantial changes to the devotion in his good friday celebrations of the stations removing those not found in the bible and replacing them with stations that more accurately follow scriptural accounts of christ s passion the revised stations of the cross focuses on the condemned jesus and on the community walking the way with him to the cross unrelieved by stories like veronica s wiping blood off the face of jesus and his meeting with his mother this is a story of an execution the new stations deal directly with the pain suffering betrayal and injustice to which jesus was subjected in explaining his reasons for revising the stations the pope has said that the alterations are intended to serve as a model for other devotions and to encourage the return to the scriptures as the source of and inspiration for contemporary worship in this helpful authoritative guide megan mckenna presents the fourteen new stations with the scriptural passages that pope john paul ii uses on good friday she also provides a basic introduction to the practices and reflections on the importance of the devotion for present day catholics and episcopalians

how could things deteriorate so quickly in twenty four hours from a banquet to a burial the

dark shadow of the executioner's cross sliced across that unforgettable day a tragic day yet planned by a sovereign god watch anew as jesus prays his prayer of submission to the father's will as he passes through the sting of betrayal as he faces undaunted the inhumane and hateful treatment and as he speaks unexpected last words that leave a legacy of love walk with jesus from the garden to the tomb to that first easter morning the dawning of hope and joy for the shadow of the cross is the anguished prelude to the best news you will ever hear he is risen

in the way of the cross caryll houselander accomplishes two things first by her imaginative re creation of the passion and death of our lord realized with intensity detail and depth she brings a drama of anguish and tragedy to our immediate awareness secondly she shows us the passion reflected in all human suffering we can no more be detached spectators of the passion than we can be detached spectators of the griefs and travails of the contemporary world as caryll houselander writes the part we are called to play is that of veronica coming forward to wipe the tears and sorrows from every stricken face we meet and each time we have the courage and compassion to do so we find the same image left on the veil these profound meditations on the stations of the cross allow the reader to walk in the footsteps of christ on that distant yet ever present good friday

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