

PATHWAY OF THE CROSS

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Luke 9:21 - 36 (NKJV) ²¹And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” ²³Then He said to *them* all, “**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.** ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

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²⁵For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels. ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." ²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

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²⁹As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white and glistening. ³⁰And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory, and the two men who stood with Him.

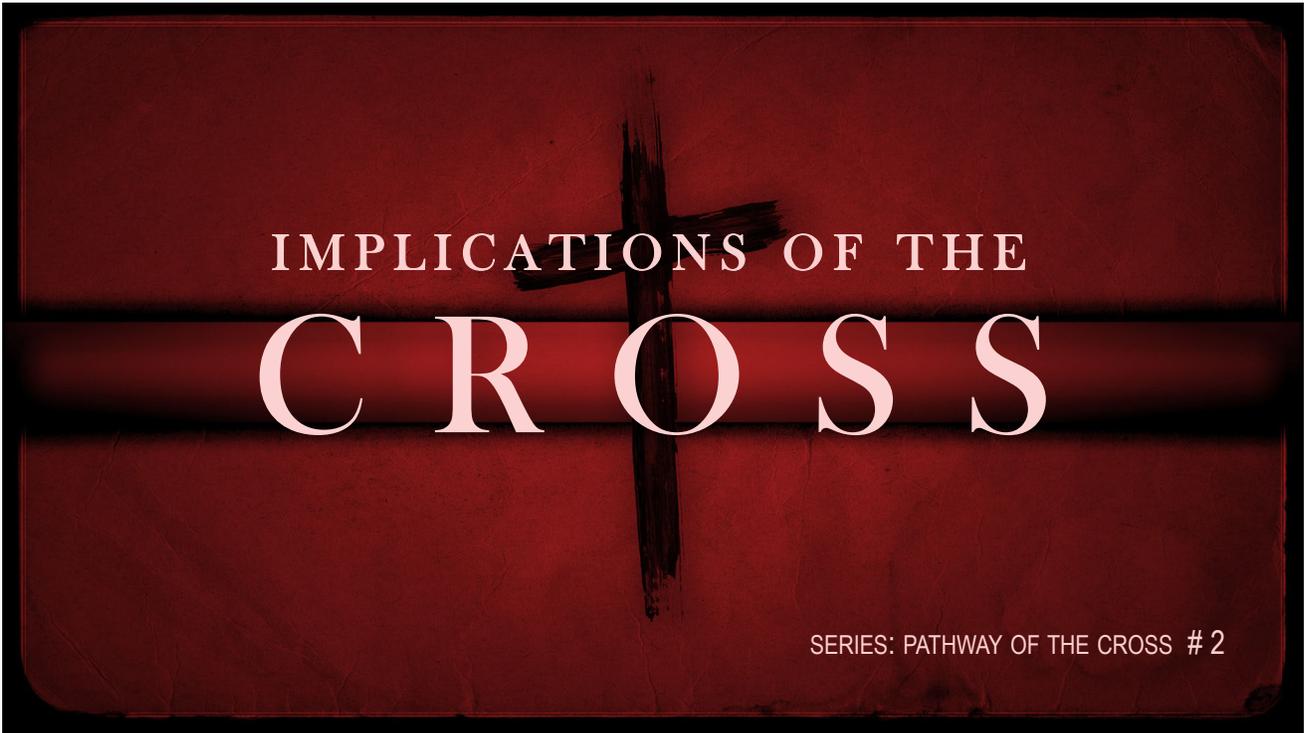
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³³Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” ³⁶When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

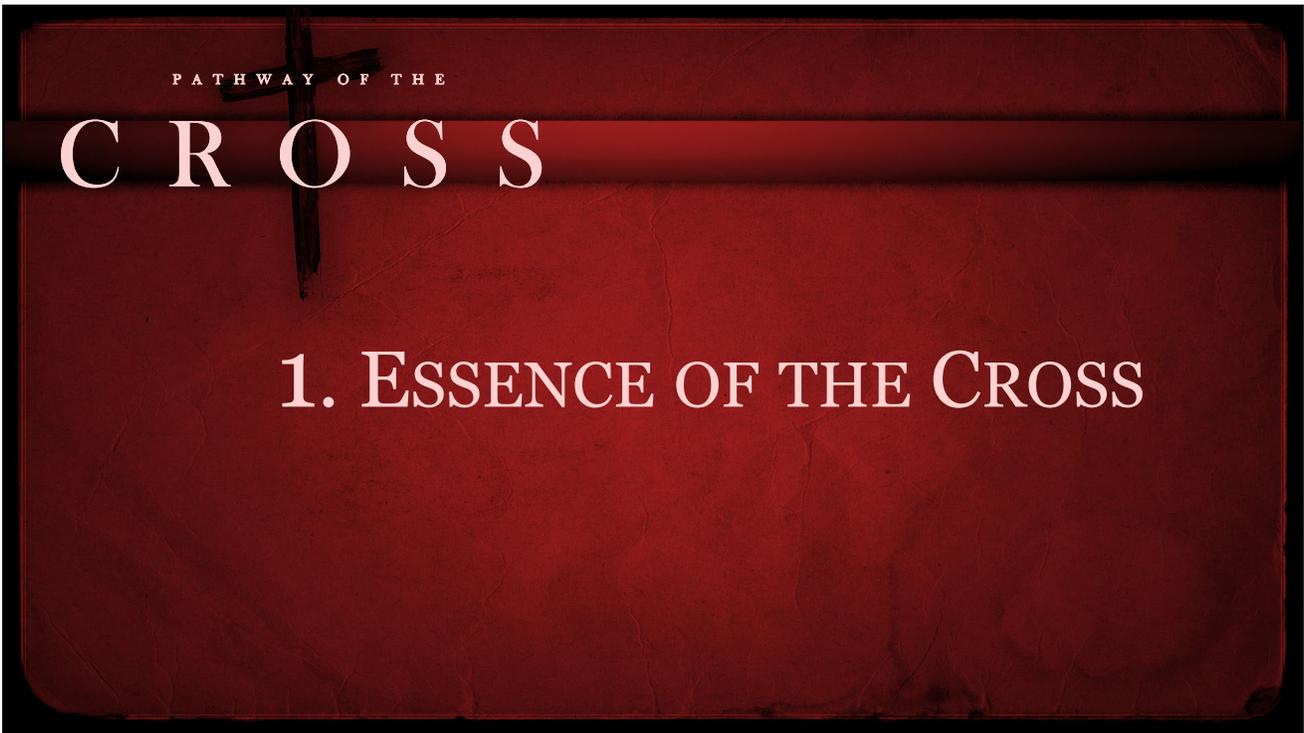
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If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,
and take up **his cross daily**, and follow Me.
Luke 9:23 (NKJV)

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ESSENCE OF THE CROSS

1. LIVING OUT THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE
2. BEARING ON YOUR SHOULDERS WHAT ARE THE BURDENS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHERS WHO CAN NOT BEAR IT FOR THEMSELVES



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He said, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

Luke 9:22 (KJV)



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Mark 10:45 (NKJV) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Luke 19:10 (NKJV) for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost

1 John 3:8 (NKJV) ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.



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FULL SPECTRUM OF JESUS' WORK

- HE PAYS FOR OUR SINS
- RESCUES US UNTO LIFE
- HE BREAKS THE CHAINS OF DEATH AND HELL



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³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.



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2. STEPPINGSTONES

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Luke 9:37–42 (ESV) Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “**O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.**” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

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Luke 9:43–45 (ESV) ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples. ⁴⁴ **“Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”**

⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

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Luke 9:46–48 (NLT) ⁴⁶ Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus knew their thoughts, so he brought a little child to his side. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, “**Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.**”

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Luke 9:49–50 (ESV) Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us
⁴⁹ John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.” ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “**Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you.**”

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Luke 9:51–56 (NKJV) ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵² and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. ⁵³ But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.** ⁵⁶ **For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save *them*.**” And they went to another village.

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Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV) ⁵⁷ Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “**Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.**” ⁵⁹ Then He said to another, “**Follow Me.**” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “**Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.**” ⁶¹ And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house.” ⁶² But Jesus said to him, “**No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**”

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