

A silhouette of a cross stands on a dark, rounded hill against a vibrant, orange and yellow sunset sky. The cross is composed of two thick, dark beams intersecting at a central point. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

The Weight of the Cross

A silhouette of a cross stands on a dark, rounded hill against a dramatic, orange-hued sunset sky. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its vertical post and horizontal beam clearly visible. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds, creating a warm and somber atmosphere. The overall scene is a powerful visual metaphor for sacrifice and completion.

John 19:30 ESV

“It is finished.”

**And bowing His head, He
gave up His spirit.**

“It is finished” = Paid in full.

Every sin.

Every failure.

Every shame.



The cross was heavy...

**But it was not the
heaviest thing Jesus
carried.**



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Colossians 2:9 NLT

**“For in Christ lives all the fullness of
God in a human body”**



Romans 6:23 NLT

“The wages of sin is death.”



2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

“He who knew no sin became sin for us...”



1 Peter 2:24 NLT

**“ He personally carried our sins in his body
on the cross”**



Mark 14:32–37

“And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?”

Mark 14:38–42

38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” 39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. 41 And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Mark 15:17–20 NKJV

“And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His *head*,¹⁸ and began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”¹⁹ Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.²⁰ And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.”

John 3:16 NKJV

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”