

“Why the Cross?”

Romans 5:6-8

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Introduction:

- A. What are the symbols of different world religions?
1. The symbol of Buddhism? The _____ blossom.
 2. The symbol of Islam? The crescent _____.
 3. The symbol of Judaism? The _____ pointed _____.
 4. The universally known symbol of Christianity? The _____.
- B. What was another visual symbol of early Christianity? The outline of a _____.
1. IXΘΥΣ Ichthus), which means "fish" in Greek and serves as an acrostic for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”
- C. Why does Christianity have a cross?

I. The Cross Reminds Us How Bad _____ Is.

- A. Romans 6:23. James 1:15

II. The Cross Reminds Us How Great God’s _____ Is.

- A. Romans 5:6-8.
- B. The story of a _____ and his _____.
- C. John 15:13. The love that is greater than dying for one’s _____ is the love that moves you to sacrifice your life for your _____.

III. The Cross Reminds Us How _____ God Is.

- A. Matthew 1:22-23 (Isaiah. 7:14).
- B. The story of Princess _____ and her _____.

IV. The Cross Reminds Us How Sin is _____.

- A. The story of Henry from the movie _____.
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Conclusion:

- A. How can we not _____ Him and take up our _____ and _____ Him?

Answer Key: Intro. A.1. lotus. A.2. moon. A.3. six, star. A.4. cross. B. fish. I. Sin. II. Love. II.B. judge, son. II.C. friend, enemies. III. Involved. III. Involved. III.B. Alice, son. IV. Overcome. IV.A. Regarding, Henry. Concl.A. love, cross, follow.