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Cross Roads: Lent's Penetrating Questions

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 6:16-17

^{16b} But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'

¹⁷ I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'

But you said, 'We will not listen.'

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Can we have Jesus without the Cross?

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"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures..."



"We live in a spiritually troubled time in history. Christianity has gone over to the jingle-bell crowd. Everyone is just delighted that Jesus has done all of the sorrowing, all of the suffering, all of the dying."

-A.W. Tozer

"It is necessary to die, but nobody wants to. ... We want to reach the kingdom of God, but we don't want to travel by way of death. And yet there stands Necessity saying: 'This way, please."

-Augustine of Hippo, 5th cent.

Mark 8:34-38

Caesarea Philippi



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³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."

"When Christ calls a man, he calls him to come and die."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

³⁶ "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 2:9-10

"Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

Mark 2:27-28

"So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

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If we really want to be Christ-like, we must choose the Cross Road.

Marriage? Family relations? Church? Addiction? Money? Persecution?

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