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18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?...

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21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

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30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written,

“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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“Foolish to the World” (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

1. What is the Cross to The World?
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v. 18 – “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing...”

2:14 - “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

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2. What is the Cross to God's People?

When we find something we consider valuable, we do not care how that thing affects what people think of us.



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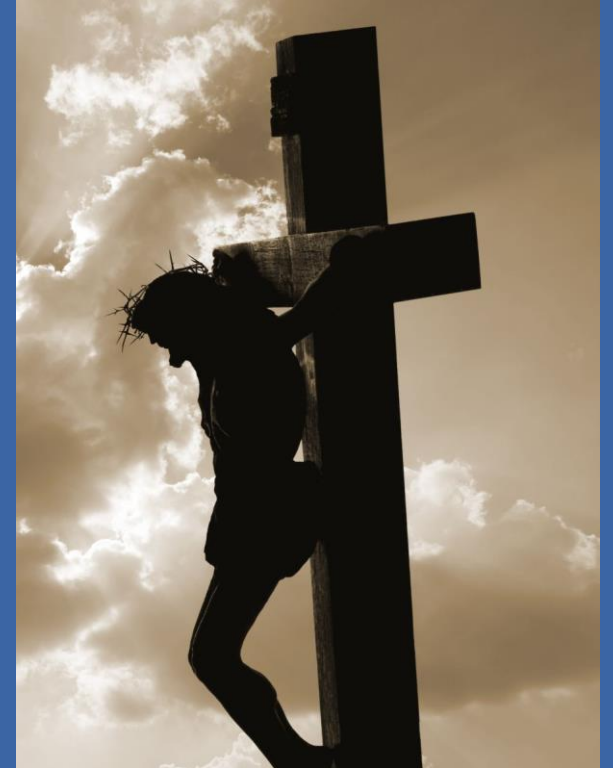


2. What is the Cross to God's People?

Answer 1: It is Objectively True

v. 18 – “...to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

15:14-19 – ““14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile... 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”



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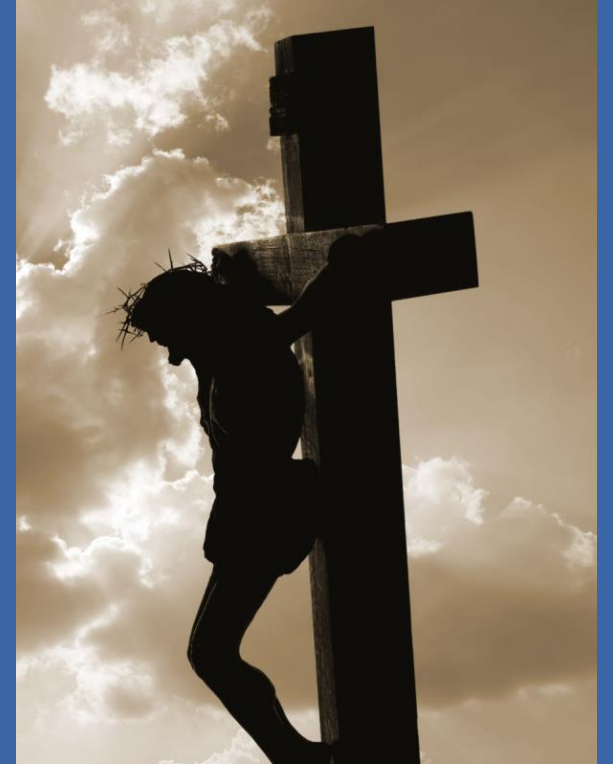
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Answer 2: It is Beautiful & Humbling

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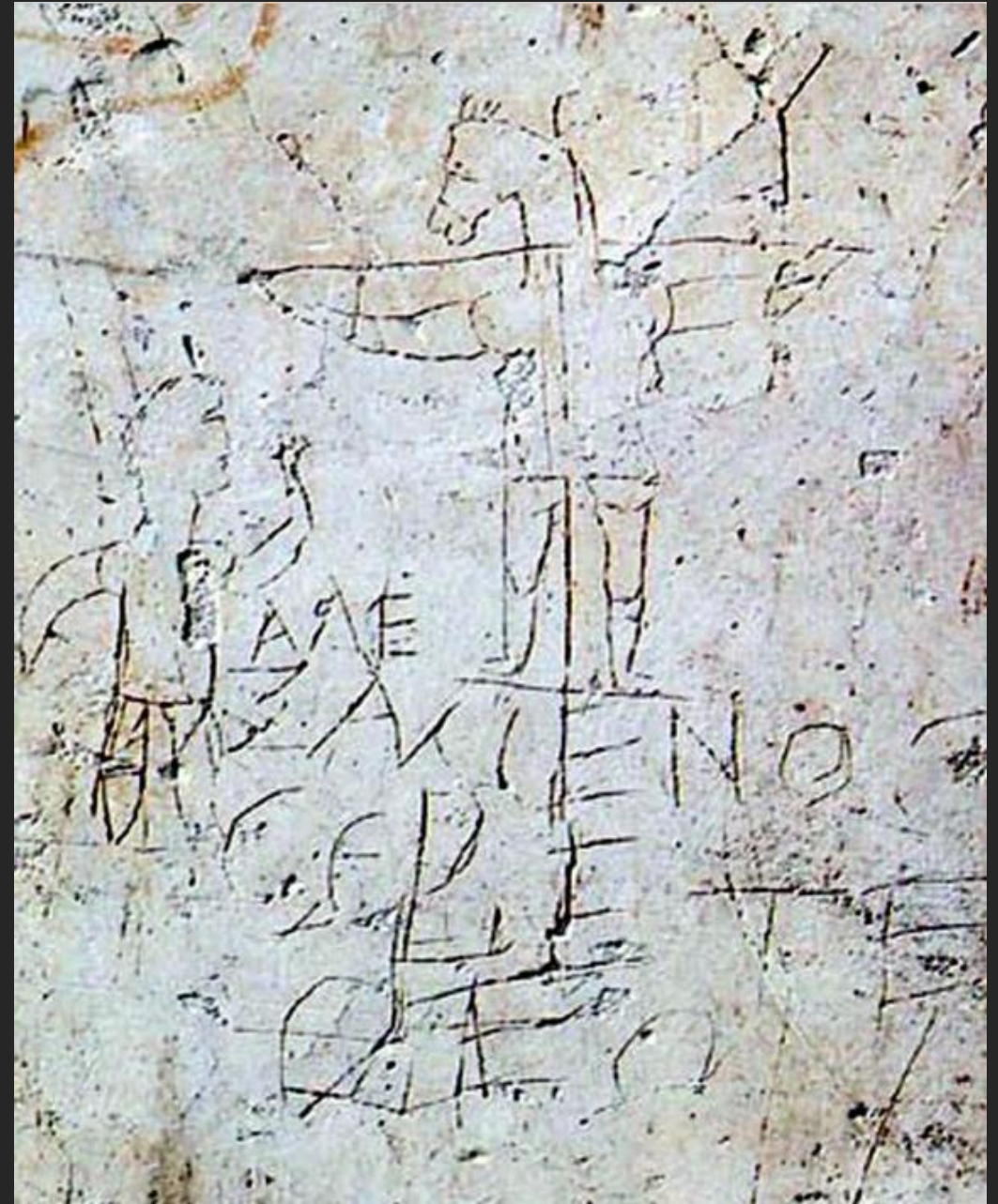
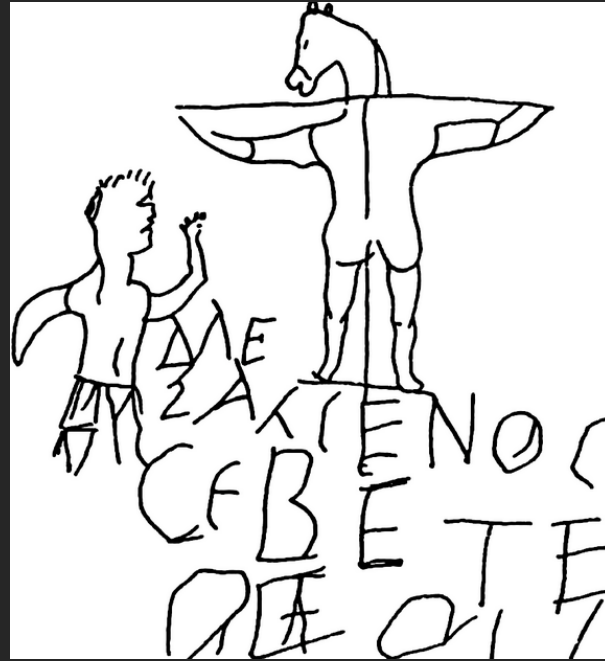
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“A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

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“Alexamenos worships his god.”

“Alexamenos is Faithful.”