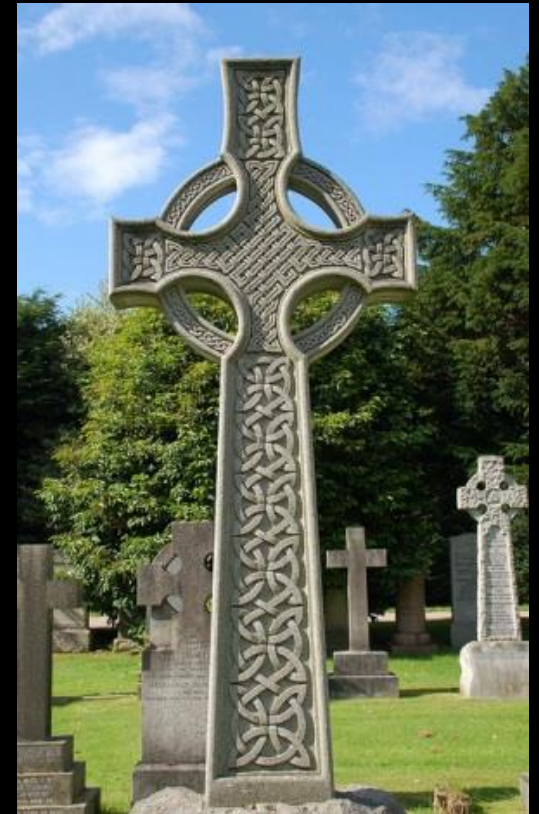


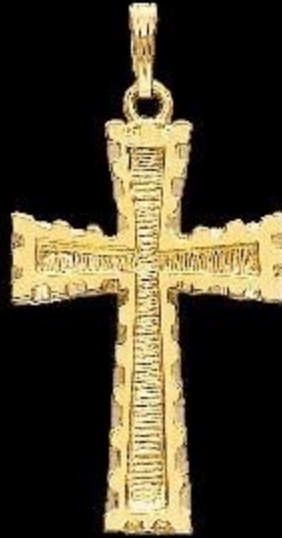
The Cross of Christ











History of crucifixion

- Persians –
- Alexander the Great –
- Romans -

Roman View

- Forbidden on Citizens
- 'a most cruel and disgusting punishment' (Marcus Tullius)
- ... an abomination...

- Let the very mention of the cross be far removed not only from a Roman citizen's body, but from his mind, his eyes and his ears (Cicero)

Humiliation / Shame

- In Public
- Crime put on Cross
- Naked – exposed
- Slow – painful -

Jewish History

- Hang on a tree...
- Shame & Dishonor

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

- 22 “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

- And they *crucified him* and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when *they crucified him.*

Mark 15:24-25

Phil. 2:8

“suffered death... ,
even death *on a*
cross.

Hebrews 12:2

*endured the cross,
despising the shame,*

1 Cor. 1:23

but we preach *Christ crucified,*
a stumbling block to Jews
and *folly to Gentiles,*

Of Jesus

- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—

Gal. 3:13

Galatians 5:11

- But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case *the offense of the cross* has been removed.

Glory

- Even death on the cross..
- 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

- and might *reconcile us*
both to God in one body
through the cross,
thereby killing the
hostility. Eph. 2:16

- and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Col. 1:20

- by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, *nailing it to the cross.* Col. 2:13-14

1 Cor. 2:2

- For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

- far be it from me to *boast* *except in the cross* of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14

- Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27

- they are *crucifying once again* the Son of God to their own harm and *holding him up to contempt.* Heb. 6:6

Symbol



- Cross / death
- Raised ?

Acts 2 – 1st Sermon

- You CRUCIFIED (23)
- God RAISED (24)
- Both LORD and Christ (36)

Acts 2 – 1st Sermon

- Repent / Baptized
 - IN His NAME
 - for Remission of sins