

John 309 "To Kill A King" John 19:15

Our Lord's unique inward beauty, His magnificent unconditional love and the glory of His Hypostatic Union (God-man) amazingly caused Him to be despised and rejected because of the unbelief of satanically motivated sinful men.

THE FORMS IN WHICH THE CROSS IS REPRESENTED:

1. The Crux Simplex (I) a single piece without a transom
2. The Crux Decussata (X) St. Andrew's cross
3. The Crux Commissa (T) St. Anthony's cross
4. The Crux Immissa (t) a Latin cross.

Crucifixion was prescribed for crimes such as treason against Rome, desertion on the battlefield, robbery, piracy, assassination and insurrection.

Sinless Jesus Christ was born to die a death of redemption as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind so that sinful mankind might be made righteous in Him; 2nd Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:22.

Even in His crucifixion, Jesus displays His glory!

1. We look at Jesus; Hebrews 12:2 ...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the Cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right Hand of the throne of God.
2. We spiritually see and believe; John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
3. We believe and apply; 2nd Cor 5:17a Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.
4. We apply and rejoice; Isa 49:10 Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you. Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Our Lord's cross (Crux Immissa) was made up of two pieces:

1. The Patibulum, the horizontal cross bar
 2. The Staticulum (aka stipes or palus), the vertical pole or upright
- And the sign above Jesus' head indicating His Name and charges was called the Titulus containing a superscription which was affixed to the Staticulum above the Patibulum.

Jesus will be mocked and ridiculed with no mental attitude hatred or verbal response.

When we suffer, we tend to focus on how much we are hurting and we quickly become self-absorbed.

Loud noises certainly don't indicate or reveal intelligence, for anyone can scream but not everyone can think!

Pontius Pilate came so close yet he remained so far away in recognizing the Lord Jesus as the King of the Jews but not personally believing in Him as his Savior.

Religion always uses hypocrisy for a facade.