



If you want to follow Jesus, you had better look good on wood.
-Anonymous

Oh, how easy it is to be a Christian, so long as the flesh is not put to the trial, or nothing has to be relinquished; then it is an easy thing to be a Christian.
- Maeyken Wens

Men try to fix problems with duct tape. God did it with nails. -Anonymous



Long-lasting victory can never be separated from a long-lasting stand on the foundation of the cross. -Watchman Nee



To abandon all, to strip one's self of all, in order to seek and follow Jesus Christ naked to Bethlehem where He was born, naked to the hall where He was scourged, and naked to Calvary where He died on the cross. - John Wesley



All God's plans have the mark of the cross on them, and all His plans have death to self in them. -E. M Bounds



Sufferings gladly borne for others convert more people than sermons.
-Thérèse de Lisieux



No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown. -William Penn



Men have said that the cross of Christ was not a heroic thing, but I want to tell you that the cross of Jesus Christ has put more heroism in the souls of men than any other event in human history.*

We are awakening to that marvelous truth, that Christ is not in the heavens only, nor the atmosphere only, but Christ is in you.*

Men have mystified and philosophized the Gospel of Jesus but it is as simple as it can be. The secret of Christianity is in being. It is in being a possessor of the nature of Jesus Christ.* -John G. Lake



The cross of Christ is the sweetest burden that I ever bore;
it is such a burden as wings are to a bird,
or sails to a ship, to carry me forward to my harbor.*

Come all crosses, welcome, welcome!
so I may get my heart full of my Lord Jesus!*

See that you buy the field where the pearl is. Sell all, and make a purchase of salvation. Think it not easy; for it is a steep ascent to eternal glory; many are lying dead by the way, that were slain with security.* - Samuel Rutherford



We may not preach a crucified Saviour without being also crucified men and women. It is not enough to wear an ornamental cross as a pretty decoration. The cross that Paul speaks about was burned into his very flesh, was branded into his being, and only the Holy Spirit can burn the true cross into our innermost life.*

We must have the cross mark upon our affections and friendships, our prayers,... the life of our body... Our religious experiences must have the mark of the cross on them. Our service for God must often be buried before it can bring forth much fruit.* -A.B. Simpson

But where you hear of a poor, simple, cast-off little flock, which is despised and rejected by the world, join them. - Anna of Rotterdam

For I am determined not to know anything save Jesus Christ
and Him Crucified. - The Apostle Paul



To be a follower of the Crucified Christ means, sooner or later,
a personal encounter with the cross. And the cross always entails loss.
-Elisabeth Elliot



Salt, when dissolved in water, may disappear, but it does not cease to
exist. We can be sure of its presence by tasting the water. Likewise, the
indwelling Christ, though unseen, will be made evident to others from
the love which he imparts to us. -Sadhu Sundar Singh

The climax of the risen life gravitates, strange to say,
back to the Cross. -C.A. Fox

The one voice that cried to Paul wherever he looked was Death, Death, Death—
Death everywhere, Death all around, Death within. And to what purpose?
That Paul might not trust in himself, but in God, who raises the dead.
-L.E. Maxwell



We profess to think Jesus the grandest and most glorious of men, yet
hardly care to be like him. When we are offered his Spirit, that is, his
very nature within us, for the asking, we will hardly take the trouble to
ask for it. -George MacDonald



All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ,
all hell is terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings
who more or less ignore its meaning. - Oswald Chambers



The figure of the Crucified invalidates all thought
which takes success for its standard. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A chaplain was speaking to a soldier on a cot in a hospital.
"You have lost an arm in the great cause," he said.
"No," said the soldier with a smile. "I didn't lose it - I gave it."
In that same way, Jesus did not lose His life. He gave it purposefully.
-Anonymous



The Christian life is not by effort, and not by struggle; not merely by trying to put into practice certain maxims, or by trying to attain to a certain measure; but from beginning to end, and all together, it is a matter of knowing the Lord Jesus within. - T. Austin-Sparks



“In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life;
in the Cross is protection against our enemies;
in the Cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness;
in the Cross is strength of mind; in the Cross is joy of spirit;
in the Cross is excellence of virtue;
in the Cross is perfection of holiness.

There is no salvation of soul, nor hope of eternal life, save in the Cross.”
-Thomas a Kempis

God walls the sea with sand. God clears the air with storms. God warms the earth with snow. He exalts us to heaven by the stumbling-block of the cross.
-Christopher Wordsworth

We must never forget that the One we trust, love, and serve is a crucified Savior. To follow Him means taking up the cross, as well as denying ourselves. It means a crucified life. -Sinclair B. Ferguson

Philosophy... Theology... or Calvary? -R.T. Nisbaum

In His weakest moment, God overcame everything. -R.T. Nisbaum

I do not want to lay the cross of Christ aside. - Conrad Koch

Let us constantly remember the days of our illumination, and how little we then were in our own eyes, when we humbled ourselves under the mighty hand of God. - Joost Verkindert



“When I beheld the vanity of my way,
My soul withered within me and I was mute
And in the distance the Holy Dove gave mute answer,
My sorrow shut out sunlight while something pressed at my throat,
‘My God’ I muttered, ‘Have I missed Thy way?
Overeager for the journey have I strayed on paths
Which bear not the print of His scarred feet?” - Jim Elliot