



# The Young Highway

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"Let No Man Despise Thy Youth, But Be Thou An Example..."

## — Editorials —

### THE CROSS OF THE CROSS

The cross of Calvary was a "cross" for Jesus. John tells us that, "He bearing His cross went forth into the place . . . where they crucified Him." This experience was difficult for Jesus from a human point of view. It was more difficult from a spiritual point of view.

From a human point of view, the "cross" of The Cross was to feel the rejection of men. Jesus felt the insults of the "head wagers" who denied Him with the taunt of a cynic. Jesus knew the distress of being mocked by those whom He had previously called whitened sepulchers. Thus the "cross" which Jesus bore on "The Cross" was one of seeing religious men missing the true essence of religion. This added to His physical agony. It also added to His agony of soul.

Perhaps this agony of soul was the greatest "cross" of "The Cross". The agony of His soul reached its climax when Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" The answer to this question was not forthcoming. However, Jesus did cry again, "It is finished" which reminds one of the words of Peter who said of Jesus, "He bare our sins in His body on the tree". His agony of soul makes this "cross" His Cross. The bearing of our sins was the greatest weight thrust upon the Cross—even upon Jesus Himself. Thus, when Jesus cried, "My God, My God, Why . . . ?" it was the cry of one who had reached the final issue of sin—separation from God. "He became sin for us who knew no sin". He suffered the penalty of sin.

One follows this experience with amazement and horror. Yet, when Jesus bore His cross and cried "it is finished", one sees and feels something which makes his heart sing a new song: "O Jesus, Lord, 'tis sweet to know Thy path is one of pain and woe; For me so meekly trod."

This tone lifts the burden for those of us who read; but for Jesus it was a "cross" to bear The Cross. One writer expresses it like this:

There was a knight in Bethlehem,  
His wealth was tears and sorrow;  
His men-at-arms were little lambs;  
His trumpeters were sparrows.  
His castle was a wooden cross  
On which He hung on high;  
His helmet was a crown of thorns  
Whose crest did reach the sky.

### THE CROSS AND MISSIONS

One of Jesus' greatest prophetic statements was, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." Again, the cross be vividly portrayed in John 3:16 where it literally tells us that God so loved that He gave Himself away. This kind of giving is characteristic of the missionary heart.

The cross speaks of a heart of love. This love was sacrificial. It was a dying love. Christ's expression of love was a saving love. Doubtless Jesus included these thoughts when He said, "If any man will come after Me,

let him deny himself, and come, take up his cross and follow me." This speaks of the true missionary spirit.

The cross was also an expression of passion. It revealed a yearning for the souls of men. Jesus' heart was tenderly touched by the sins of men. His emotions were aroused. His life was spent for others. There is no greater revelation of this missionary characteristic than that which is revealed in the cross.

If the crucifixion of Jesus had been the end, things might have been different; but this was not the end. By His death on the cross, Jesus confirmed a message of hope for the world. It was, therefore, after His death and resurrection that Jesus said, "God ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . . and lo, I am with you."

The cross not only provides the basis for the missionary message, it provides an example of missionary service. By this example we must be challenged to go and do likewise. It is only by following His example of the cross-bearing life that we can truly say that we are missionaries of the cross. The cross speaks of God's message and means. We must provide the men to make them effective.

### EASTER MISSIONARY OFFERING

Our young people are aware that Easter Sunday is a time for giving a special offering for the support of our Foreign Missionary work. It is a well known fact that, over the years, our young people have given much to the support of foreign missions. At the present time our youth are sponsoring projects in South Africa as well as Rhodesia. This financial assistance is much appreciated by our Foreign Missionary Board, our missionaries and those who have received help because of the generous hearts of our young people.

April 22nd is Easter Sunday. Our Foreign Missionary Board is appealing for a generous offering from our churches. Since our young people make up a large part of our church membership, we are appealing to you to give generously to your Easter Sunday Church Offering for foreign missions. Pray about giving and give as you are led by the Lord.

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