

Good Friday
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*On that terrible Friday, some 2000 years ago,
Jesus was condemned to die on that old wooden cross.
It had to be such an awful sight for His followers.
Crucifixion was, and is, a horrific way to die.
No human being, let alone the savior of the world,
should have to endure. But this is exactly what happened.*

*In the midst of his excruciating death,
the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
record something amazing. In spite of the fact that
He was abandoned by his closest friends.
In spite of the fact that the very people He came to save
turned their backs on Him and spit in His face.
That the Roman soldiers drove nails into His hands and feet.
Even with all of this, Jesus wasn't done teaching, leading
and giving us an example for how we should live.*

***"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"***

Romans 5:8 NIV

Questions for Reflection

Do you really believe God has forgiven your sins?

Do you need to experience

God's forgiveness in a fresh way today?

Do you have someone in your life that you need to forgive?

Do you need to release what they have done to you so that
you can find freedom and follow the example of Christ?

***"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but
Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."***

Galatians 2:20 NIV

Questions for Reflection

Have you put your life and, indeed, your life beyond this life,
in God's hands? How do you experience God's salvation through
Christ in your life today? Do you completely trust in Christ for
today and tomorrow?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 NIV

Questions for Reflection

What response does the cross of Jesus evoke in your spirit?

This cross is more than hardships that come our way
(everyone must bear those)

Cross carrying is more than just enduring hardships
(even nonbelievers do that)

It is suffering that comes BECAUSE we have chosen to honor God.

It is hanging onto faith and remaining loyal to Jesus
even when it gets very hard. It's following Jesus in saying,

"Not my will but yours be done."

Luke 22:42

Questions for Reflection

Is there anything that is hindering you from
answering the call of Jesus to take up your cross?