

Visualize the Cross

Everyone close your eyes for 5 minutes. Think of the date of **your** salvation. Envision yourself at the foot of the cross. You look up and what do you see. Keep your eyes closed so that you will not be distracted.

Many people would be shocked to see that Jesus is not on the cross today. You would see a bloody rugged cross...and nobody on it.

Some people worship the cross. To some it is a decoration to be worn around the neck.

When I look at the cross, I do not think of the cross, but I think about the one who was on the cross.

Look at the cross. What else do you see?

Do you see the blood?

I should have been there on that cross. I deserve to hang there in pain and shame for my sins, but Jesus took my place. That should have been your blood. I worship the one who took my place.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Look at the cross. What else do you see?

In Matt 27:37, Mark 15:26, Luke 23:38, and John 19:19 it states that Pilate wrote something and put it on that cross.

An accusation. Jesus King of the Jews.

As I look up at the cross today, I see a blank piece of paper.

The accusation has been blotted out.

Jesus is not just the King of the Jews. **He has a new title.**

And it is not written on the cross. Jesus has gone beyond the cross. He has conquered death.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

He is the king of his saints. Saved Christians. His Church. Jews AND Gentiles. **He is my King.**

Phil 2:10 That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Phil 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

I see a cross where God met with Jews and Gentiles.

He made a way of salvation for me.

Isa 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and **give thee for a covenant** of the people, **for a light of the Gentiles**;

Isa 60:3 **And the Gentiles shall come to thy light**, and kings to the brightness of **thy rising**.

Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by **a new name**, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

I've a new name written down in Glory. And it's mine. Oh yes it's mine.

When I think about the cross, I think about that day when we will be at the marriage of the Lamb and at the marriage feast.

And I'm going to wear a white robe.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

I don't see anywhere in the Bible where the saints will be wearing ties.

Praise the Lord.

Ties are a worldly fashion originally meant to signify that you were a gay male.

I don't like wearing a tie. It's unscriptural. 😊

1 Sam 16:7 ...for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Maybe we should all wear white robes and start getting used to it.

Then the world will definitely think we are nuts.

When I look at the cross I think about that gathering of the saints. Praising God.

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

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When the world sees the cross all they see a decoration or a symbol.

Matt 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is **no vision, the people perish**:

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to **them that perish** foolishness; but **unto us which are saved it is the power of God**.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish**, but have everlasting life.

When you get saved you get a new perspective.
The cross looks different to you now, doesn't it?

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

When you look at the cross what do you see?

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