

The Cross Of Christ

The Preaching of the Cross Acts 2.22-24, 36

For the follower of Jesus everything comes back to the cross. You cannot separate the cross from Christianity.

For every church and every follower of Jesus the proclaiming of the message of the cross is an essential part of our faith and commitment to Jesus. We tell people about Jesus.

Where It All Began

If you want to share Jesus you must engage people in their context.

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

24 But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

The cross points to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The cross was God’s way of saving us from our sin. It’s His only way.

36 Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ

What Jesus did and why he did it matters.

The message “Jesus is Lord” brings an invitation to trust him as savior

Where We Are Today

We cannot expect people to trust Jesus if we do not tell them the message and the meaning of the cross.

It is not our responsibility to convict or condemn, just to communicate.

Who do you know that needs to know the message of the cross?