

# ✝ A SYMBOL OF DECISION

At election time, if we go to vote, we do so by placing a cross against the name of our preferred candidate.

The cross of Jesus demands that we make a choice, either to believe in Him or to reject Him. This is the biggest decision there is. Two thieves were crucified on either side of Jesus. One believed, the other did not. One was forgiven and went to heaven. The other rejected Jesus and went to hell.

*“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:36)*

## WHICH SIDE OF THE CROSS ARE YOU ON?

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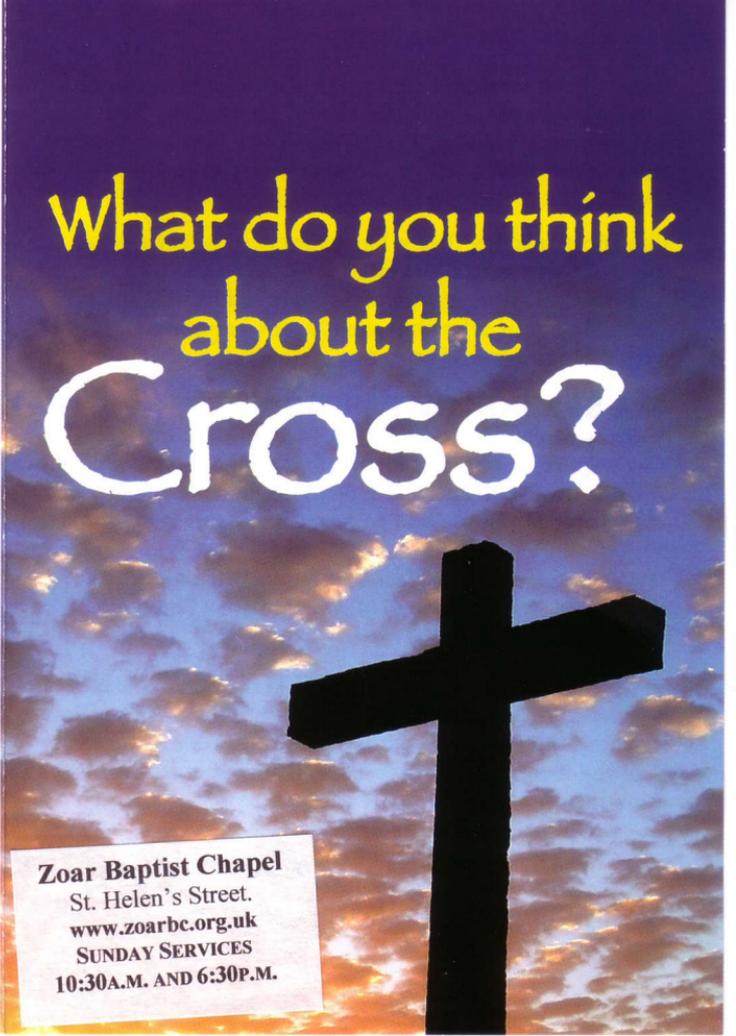
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 about the  
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Jesus Christ was executed upon a Roman cross some 2,000 years ago outside the city of Jerusalem. That is a fact of history. Today THE CROSS is a familiar symbol all over the world. Have you ever stopped to think about what it really means?

The Bible teaches that what happened to Jesus upon the cross was actually THE PIVOTAL EVENT IN HISTORY. If that is true, then we need to think very seriously about why that great event happened and why it is relevant to us today.

### ✝ A SYMBOL OF FASHION

A cross worn around the neck is a popular thing, but how superficial, if that is all it is to us. The eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, was willing to become the most unpopular of people and to bear the shame associated with death by crucifixion:

*“He is despised and rejected by men”* (Isaiah 53:3)

– This was written over 700 years before Jesus was born!

### ✝ A SYMBOL OF SOMETHING WRONG

A cross is often used to highlight a mistake. A familiar sight to many of us as school children! We are all guilty of doing wrong in our lives. The Bible calls it SIN. Jesus came into the world to sort it out:

*“...once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”* (Hebrews 9:26)

– Jesus was the only person in history who never sinned. This is why He alone was qualified to be the Saviour.

### ✝ A SYMBOL OF LOVE

We sometimes send a letter and put crosses at the end to indicate our love for someone. The death of Jesus on the cross is the proof that God loves sinners like us:

*“But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8)

– This was the most incredible display of love ever seen.

### ✝ A SYMBOL OF TREASURE

A cross has sometimes been used to mark the spot where something of great value is to be found. What the Lord Jesus was willing to give up on the cross was the most valuable thing in the world:

*“...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold... but with the precious blood of Christ.”* (1 Peter 1:18,19)

– Someone once said of Jesus, “He paid a debt He did not owe, for those who owed a debt they could not pay.”

### ✝ A SYMBOL OF LUCK

People are becoming increasingly superstitious. Some think that a cross has some kind of magical quality that will help to keep them from bad luck or danger. There is great power in what Christ did upon the cross.

A payment for sin was made, and the power of death itself was broken. Jesus’ resurrection proves it:

*“...declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead.”* (Romans 1:4)

– The risen Christ is the One we need to trust in, not a cross of metal, wood or plastic.