



# **The Way of the Cross**

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**The Cost of Love**


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# The Way of the Cross: The Cost of Love

## In the beginning God



Therefore

God is unique and incomparable



Therefore

God must **reveal** Godself  
through actions and word

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## Jesus is the Word and the Image of God



Jesus **reveals** God to us

“ God is Christlike,  
and in him is no un-Christlikeness at all. ”

Michael Ramsey  
Archbishop of Canterbury



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**Jesus is always the crucified Messiah**

“

For I decided to know nothing among you  
except Jesus **Christ**, and him crucified.

”

Apostle Paul  
1 Corinthians 2:2



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**The Cross is at the Heart of God;  
*it is not an event that happens to God.***



We must look through the cross  
to see God truly.

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**The Cross radically rewrites everything  
that our culture thought it knew about God.**



we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

... God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ...

The mystery of God is... **Jesus the *crucified* Christ**



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Sin is ALWAYS a relational pain.

Vengeance is about  
inflicting that pain on the other.

Justice is about sharing the pain.

Forgiveness/Love is about  
bearing the whole pain ourselves.



The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)



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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Jesus)

Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases...  
he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our  
iniquities...by his bruises we are healed. (Isaiah 53)

A divine exchange – our old rags for his new clothes.

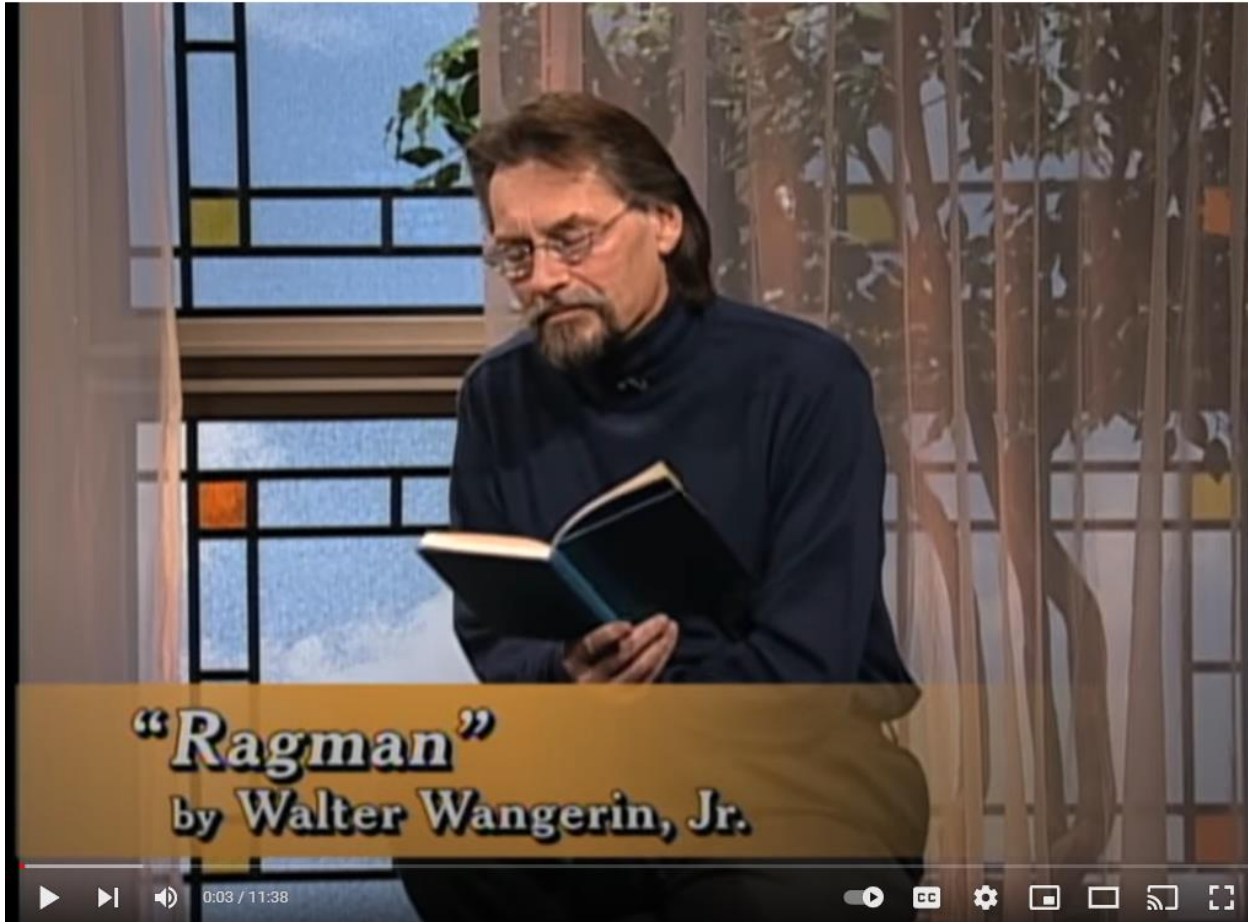
**Love hurts. There is a cost to love.**

Jesus loves me, this I know for the CROSS tells me so!



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This is a mystery...

“give me your rags  
and I will give you mine.”

<https://vimeo.com/236154788> Ragman performance



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## Following Jesus along the Way of the Cross

- † Welcome one another, **as** the crucified Christ welcomes you
- † Forgive one another, **as** the crucified Christ forgives you...
- † Love one another, **as** the crucified Christ loves you...
- † Have **the same mind** in you that was in the crucified Christ, who took on the form of a slave...



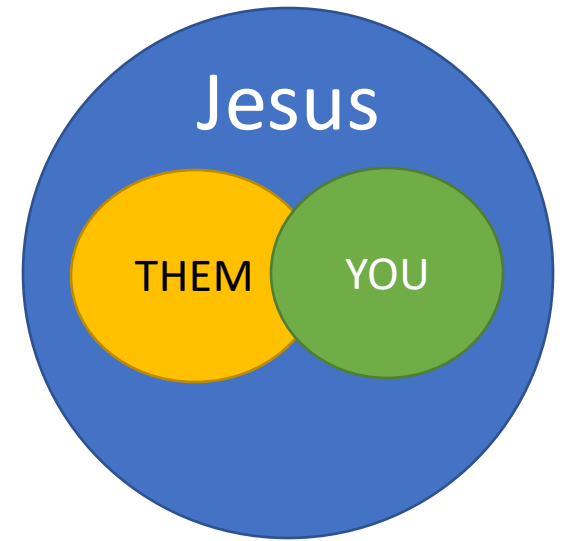
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## Following Jesus = **Cruciformity**

In the shape of a cross  
+ conformity

Take up your cross = Walk in the way of the Cross

We love others NOT “in the place of Jesus”  
BUT “**with Jesus**”



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