

THE CROSS UNCENSORED

NOT FOR THE EASILY OFFENDED

GALATIANS 5:11

● This week is special for those who know Jesus Christ. We remember what Christ did for us as we retrace the last week of His earthly life.

● When someone is offended by the cross we are often perplexed. **Galatians 5:11** *Why does the world find the message of the cross so offensive?*

BECAUSE OF THE BARBARITY OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

A. YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT JESUS WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE **CROSS**.

B. **FAMILIARITY** DULLS US TO THE HORROR AND OFFENSE OF THE CROSS.

C. THE CROSS OF JESUS HAD A TERRIBLE **STIGMA** TO IT.
Galatians 3:13

BECAUSE OF WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT HUMANITY.

A. THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR THAT **OUR SIN** MADE CHRIST'S DEATH NECESSARY.

B. THE BIBLE PAINTS A CLEAR PICTURE.

◇ We have **rebelled** against God.

◇ We deserve God's **electric chair**.

C. THESE ARE THE **VERY SINS** THAT SENT JESUS TO A HORRIBLE DEATH.

BECAUSE IT DECLARES US IMPOTENT TO SAVE OURSELVES.

A. SELF MADE PEOPLE HAVE A HARD TIME WITH **POWERLESSNESS**.

◇ The cross reminds us that there is only **one way** for us to be reconciled to God.

B. THE WORLD CONSIDERS THIS WHOLE IDEA TO BE **FOOLISHNESS**.

1 Corinthians 1:18-23

C. PEOPLE WANT TO "**CONTROL** THEIR OWN **DESTINIES**".

Luke 23:42

◇ " _____ me Jesus..."

◇ The rich young ruler came to Jesus and wanted salvation **on His terms** that would not interfere with his **lifestyle**.

MY RESPONSE:

● Seriously **think** about the message of the cross.

● Resolve not to **water down** the gospel. **Titus 3:5**

● **Examine** yourself.

Good Friday 7:00 PM "The Passion of the Christ"
Next week is Resurrection Sunday: "Famous Last Words: I Told You So!"