

# The CROSS



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**WARM UP QUESTION:** Do you trust everything you hear from friends or the news? What makes it easy (or hard) to trust some forms of information?

**READ:** Matthew 27:50-54

**FOCUS:** The signs, sayings, suffering and transformed life of Jesus Christ turns people from skeptics into believers.

**OBSERVE:**

- Our culture is filled with crippling doubt that hampers people's trust in the validity of the Bible.
- Jesus lived a life of complete obedience, yet chose to die for us – who continue to live in rebellion against God.
- The reaction of the Roman Centurion to the suffering of Jesus on the cross illustrates how people can be transformed by seeing the transformed lives of believers around them.

**DISCUSS:**

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Have you experienced skepticism regarding the truth of the cross? What life experiences or memories did this bring up for you?
- How do you sense the Holy Spirit is guiding you to respond to skepticism you may have had about the gospel or miracles in the Bible?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- How has being filled with the Holy Spirit brought you joy during difficult times? Consider reflecting on your testimony and/or sharing more with others in a Life Group.
- Do you understand the weight of Jesus' suffering for our salvation? If you haven't already, consider joining a Biblical Foundations (Purple Book) discipleship class here at King's Park.

**PRAY:** *Father God, thank You for the gift You have given us through Your son, Jesus Christ. We confess our sins and humbly accept this gift. Allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work within us as we live our lives in a way that brings others to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!*