



The Apostles' Creed — Lesson 4: Jesus Christ and the Cross

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1. Why did Jesus subject himself to arrest, suffering, and crucifixion?
2. In what way can Jesus' role as our mediator give us confidence before God without fear . In what ways is it proper to fear God?
3. How can the humiliation that Christ endured for us encourage us as we endure trials and struggles in this life?
4. In 1 Corinthians 1:18-23, when Paul said that the cross was a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, what did he mean by "a stumbling block to the Jews"? What did he mean by "foolishness to Greeks"?
5. What is meant by the cross being "folly to postmodern minds"?
6. What does the idea of Christians "embracing the shame of the cross" mean"?
7. Why is Pontius Pilate the only other person besides Jesus and Mary named in the Apostles' Creed?
8. What does Jesus' death do for us and how does his death change our standing before God?
9. What does the idea of "cruciformity" mean for how believers live out their faith?