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He Hung on a Cross for Me

By Carol Dee Meeks

When I have a bad day and feel sorry for myself, I try to think of the hours Christ spent before

Easter morning and His crucifixion. That morning He brought me freedom, forgiveness of sins, and death's victory. Then I fall on my knees and thank Him for what He did for me and for loving me so deeply.

Jesus hung on a tree in agony for me. He was bruised, spit on, and humiliated that I might live a life free of rituals. He was bruised, spit on, and humiliated that I would be guided by His spirit, and when I listen, I can hear it. He hung between two thieves, one accepted Him, the other rejected Him, so I would be prepared to make the correct choice. The choice He desires me to make is to accept Him as the one thief accepted Him.

When I realize how much He really loved me that He knew the number of hairs on my head (Matthew 10:30, "the very hairs of your head are numbered") before I was born; even before the foundation of the world; I am in awe of this picture of life He bestowed upon me. Before the foundation of the world, Easter morning was planned by His Father for me. When I take time to dwell on those Holy words, I thank Him for His pain and torture. He opened not His mouth to complain, just stood there like a sheep for slaughter. My Shepherd remained silent for me.

Oh! If I could only keep my mouth closed as well. I'm always wanting the last word, but Jesus knew the tomb would roll away on the third day and that was His last word. To be like Him, is His desire for me, and I know it is a lifelong journey. When I made the choice to follow Him, He smiled. He helps me walk this journey each step every day.

The hours leading up to His time on the cross must have been unbearable. In Matthew 26:39, He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as you will." I know He could have stopped this heinous event but He chose the route the Father planned for Him. When I think of this kind of love, life can never be the same. Easter morning and the resurrection keep me from being a wandering sheep. I have a Shepherd that provided eternity and a fresh start because He hung on a cross for me.

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Matthew 26 to 28; NASB
Matthew 10:30; NASB
Ephesians 1; NASB
Isaiah 53:4–9; NASB

I and my husband of 41 years are retired and loving every minute of retirement. We have two fine sons and three wonderful grandsons. (They are the cutest and smartest in Colorado).

Writing poetry is my real love but I am trying to branch out. I am the current NEW MEXICO SENIOR POET LAUREATE from Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Foundation Contest from Missouri.

Complete your religious decor with wall crosses

By Johann Erickson

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When we decorate with popular symbols, we make a statement about who we are and what we believe.

Wall crosses

are one of the most significant symbols we can use in our interior decorating

scheme. With strong meaning and even stronger emotional value, crosses are considered a sacred symbol in many cultures. The basic shape of the wall cross has been around since the beginning of time. Over its life span, the cross has stood for many things including immortality and harmony on earth.

When choosing a wall cross you should keep mind your own beliefs and then do your research. Not all crosses have the same shape or symbolize the same thing. For example:

The Latin Cross is the traditional cross shape that most people are familiar with. It is modeled after the one on which Jesus is thought to have died.

Following in the Eastern Rite tradition, the Eastern Cross is similar to the Latin Cross, only with three bars at the bottom, one of them slightly slanted. The top bar is representative of Pontius Pilate's famous inscription on the cross. The lower bar stands for the footrest on which Jesus' feet were placed with nails. The slanted bar has varying explanations.

With the bottom part of the cross—shaped like an anchor and the top as a standard cross, the Anchor Cross symbolizes the hope and the steadiness found in faith.

The Calvary Cross stands on three steps—each step is said to stand for one of three emotions of the

heart: faith, hope and love.

The Celtic Cross has a gothic look and symbolizes spiritual growth, gender unity, and spiritual passage.

Among the other wall cross designs are the Tau Cross, the Gothic Cross, and the Chi-Rho Cross. Each has its own unique shape, special meaning, and historical background. While adding a decorative element your walls, wall crosses evoke feelings of peace above a child's crib, above a staircase, and in family rooms. Once you settle on a particular type of cross, you will be able to find variations that can be matched to the lines and design of your rooms.

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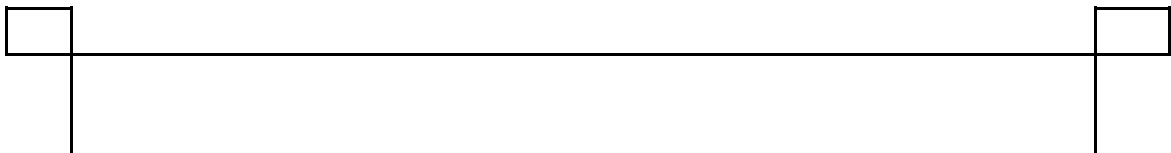
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