

# FROM THE CROSS TO THE CROWN

(A journey of discovery and transformation)



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JOHN 18-20; 1PETER 2:10; 2CORINTHIANS 3:18

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The biggest discovery of the past two thousand years is the redemptive power of Christ's sacrificial love. The story of redemption is one of God's love and its effect on your life.



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## 1. The two gardens

- In Eden, man wanted to rule like God.

GENESIS 3:1-5; GENESIS 11:2-4; EXODUS 5:1-2

- In Gethsemane, man was willing to rule under God.

GENESIS 12:1-3; MATTHEW 26:36-39; ACTS 4:19; 5:29

## 2. The praying Jesus

- Everything worthwhile should be prepared in prayer!"



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“He who kneels before God can stand before anyone!”



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## 3. The Cross

- Crosses everywhere!
- **Why death by the cross?**
  1. Maximum pain.
  2. Least immediate destruction of life (+- 2-3days).
  3. Total humiliation.



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Nothing good in this life can be done  
without sacrifice.



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## 4. The cross in the middle

Events around the passion of Christ have taught us some important life-lessons:

- One can be near to Christ but far in attitude
- The essence of Sin is the rejection of the Son of God.



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**Around the cross in the middle attitudes were exposed and actions revealed:**

## **1. JUDAS**

- ❑ Growing frustration and disillusionment
- ❑ Initial excitement vanished because of the change of Jesus' message.
- ❑ Finding fault with Jesus
- ❑ Stealing money
- ❑ Complaining

**JOHN 12:1-6; MATTHEW 27:3-5**





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## 2. CAIAPHAS

Resented Jesus' popularity and feared Caesar's reprisal. He was blinded by his arrogance and self-centeredness.

## 3. PILATE

Declared Jesus innocent four times but executed him nevertheless. He was a people's pleaser who feared Caesar more than God. He wanted to preserve his life and advance his career more than anything else.

**MARK 15:15; JOHN 18:23; 19:16; 12:25**



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## 4. ROMAN SOLDIERS

As they took him from Gabbatha to Golgotha, they were more interested in Jesus Christ's garments rather than him.

**JOHN 19:23-24**

## 5. THE TWO CRIMINALS

One died in sin because of his unrepentant attitude and stubbornness. The other died out of sin because of his humble and repentant attitude.

