

WHY THE CROSS?  
(Genesis 22: 1-8)

Luke 24:25-27 (RSV)

“O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Isaiah 53:3-6 (RSV)

He was despised and rejected by all; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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John 12:24 (RSV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:27 (RSV)

Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour.

John 15:12-13 (RSV)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

(Read also Luke 24:44-46, John 3:16-17, Romans 5:6-8)