

# *The* CROSS

AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR FALLEN HUMANITY





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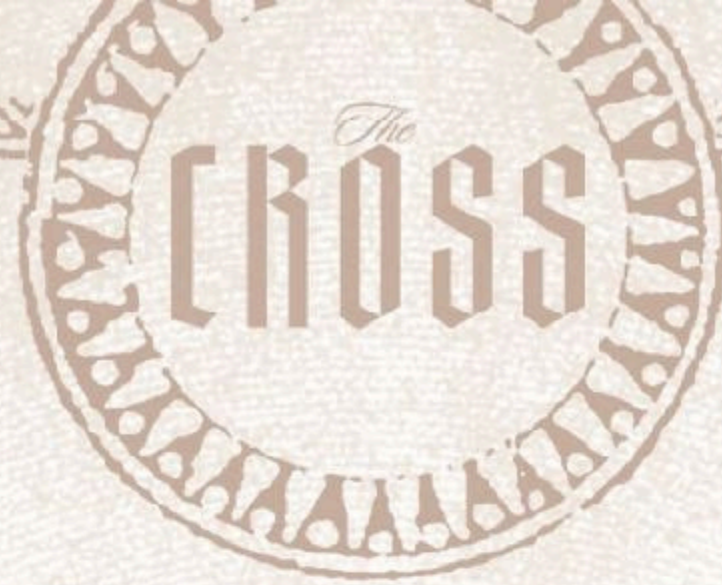


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# PART 1 NICODEMUS

*from* CURIOUS *to* CONVERT

CURIOUS inquirer > Courageous CONVERT



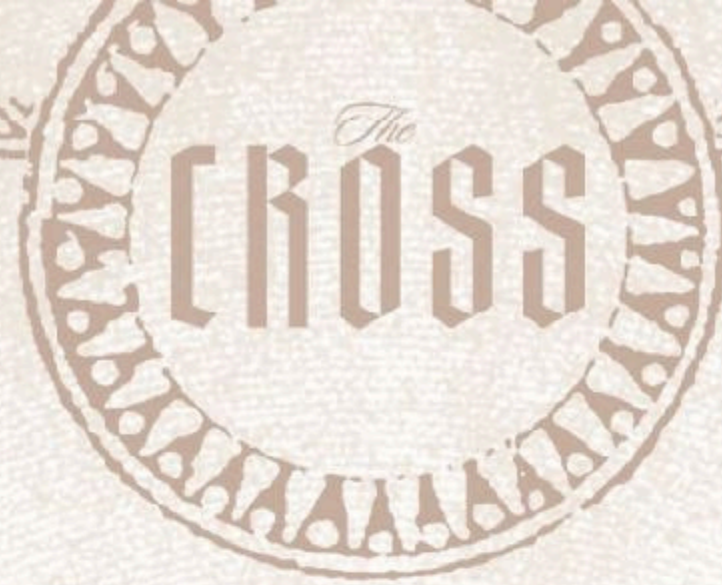
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PART 2  
**THE CROWD**

*from* FOLLOWERS *to* TRAITORS

Wavering FOLLOWERS > MISGUIDED TRAITORS



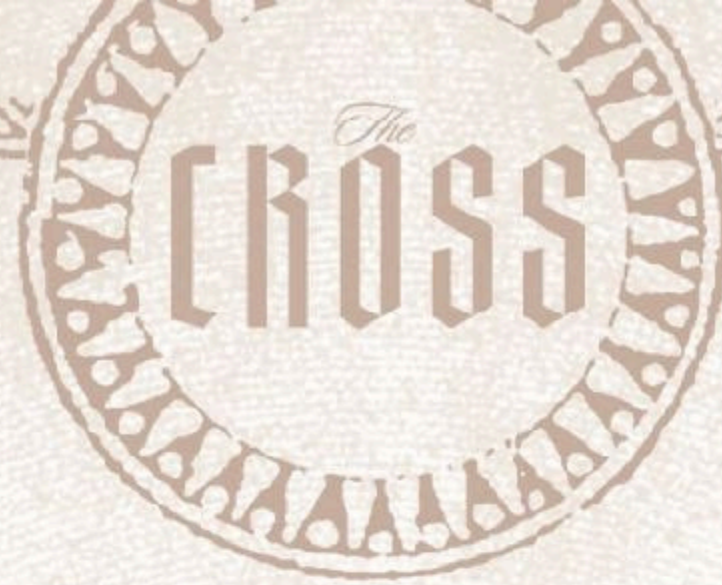
Expectation



Betrayal

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PART 3

# SIMON OF CYRENE

*from* BYSTANDER *to* CROSS-BEARER

Gossipy BYSTANDER > Transformed CROSS BEARER



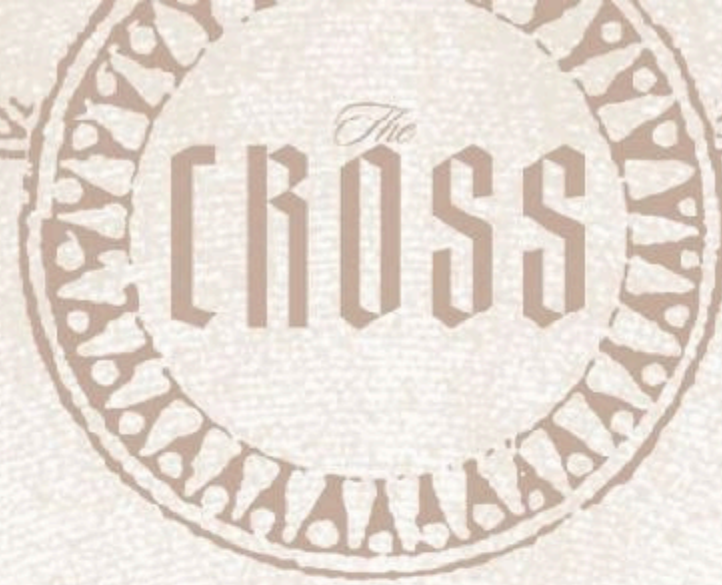
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PART 4

# ROMAN CENTURION

*from SKEPTIC to BELIEVER*

Observant SKEPTIC > Convinced BELIEVER



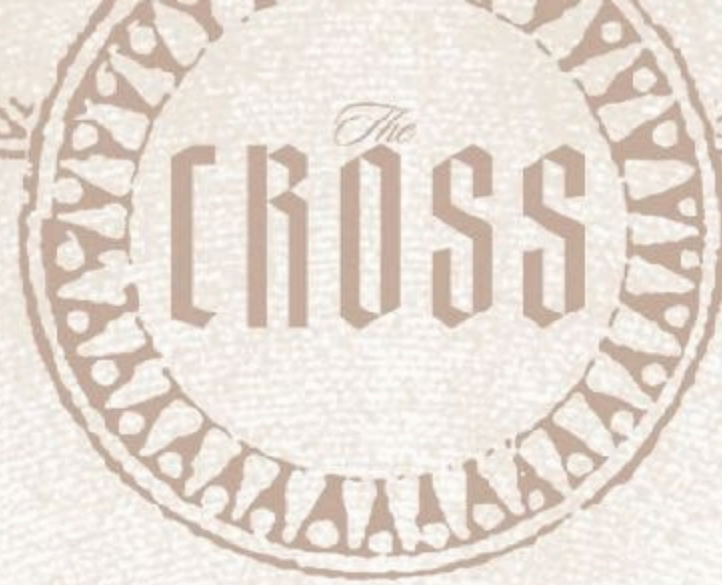
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PART 5

# JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

*from* PASSIVITY *to* MISSION

Neutral PASSITY > Never-Too-Late MISSION



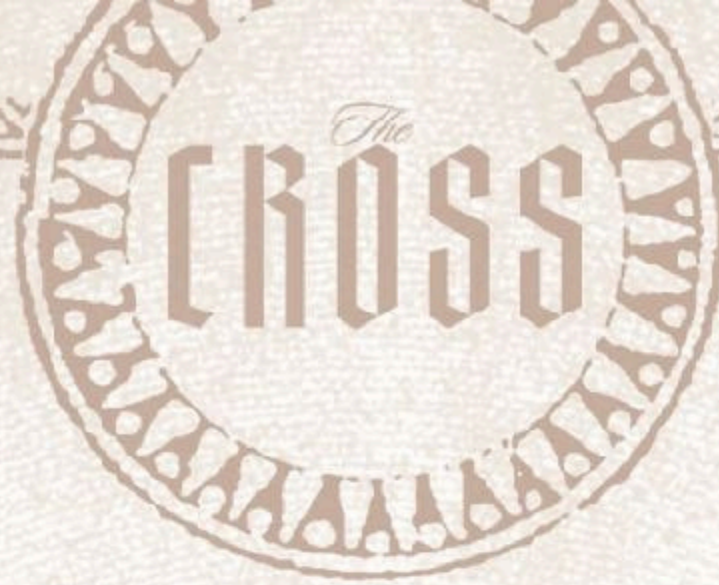
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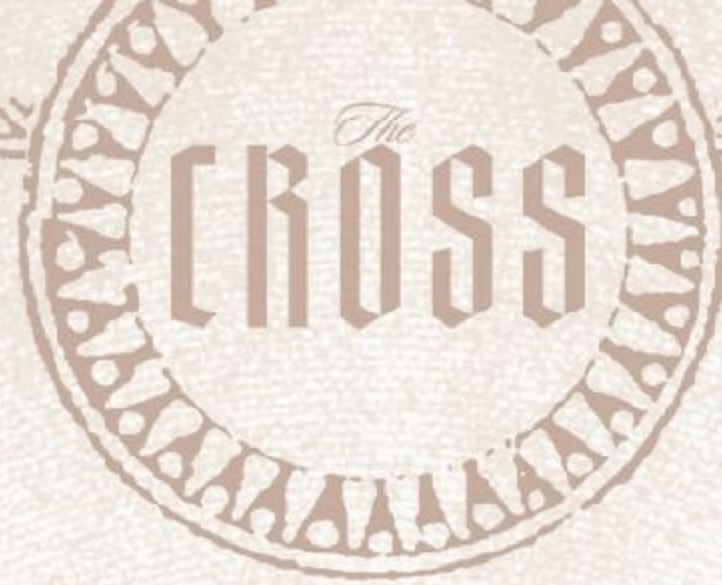
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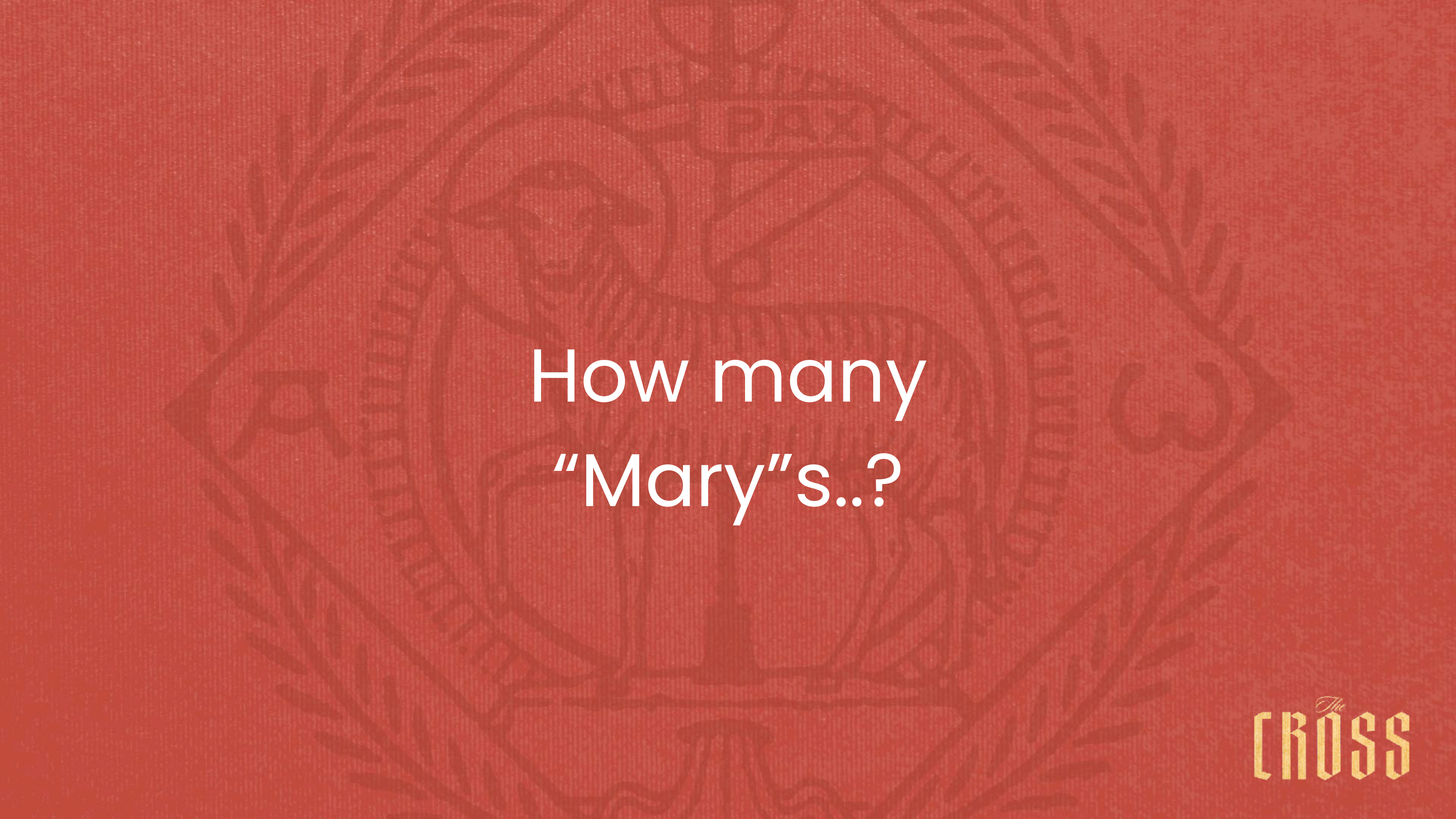


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How many  
“Mary”s..?

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Mary of Bethany

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Mary, the wife of Clopas

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Which Mary was  
the prostitute..?







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Job's Repentance  
42 Then Job answered the Lord, and said,  
I know that thou canst do every  
thing, and that no thought can be withholden  
from thee.  
Who is he that hideth counsel without  
knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I un-  
derstood not; things too wonderful for me,  
which I knew not.  
Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will  
demand of thee, and thou shalt answer me.  
I have heard of thee by the hearing of the  
ear: now mine eye seeth thee.  
Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in  
dust and ashes.  
And it was so, that after the Lord had spo-  
ken these words unto Job, the Lord said to  
Eli-phaz the Te-manite, My wrath is kindled  
against thee, and against thy two friends: for  
ye have not spoken the truth as my servant Job  
has. Therefore ye shall be smitten with sore  
plagues, and shall be without seed for ever.  
Then they laid hands on the two sons of Eli-  
phaz, and on the two daughters of Job, and  
brought them out to the wilderness. And Job  
said, I repent that I have heard thee, and I  
am sorry that I have not heard thee sooner.  
And the Lord said to Job, Behold, I have  
restored thee, and have multiplied thee, and  
thou shalt sit upon thy seat, and shalt be  
greater than before. And Job said, I have  
heard thee, and I am sorry that I have not  
heard thee sooner.

## The Book of PSALMS

the judgment, nor alms, in the salvation  
of the righteous.  
For the Lord knoweth the way of the  
righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall  
perish.

### PSALM 2

God's Son Shall Reign  
Why do the heathen rage, and the  
imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth shall be  
in confusion, and shall be  
in commotion, at the voice of the Lord.  
When he shall speak, the earth shall  
quake, and shall be full of confusion.  
The Lord shall be known by the  
works of his hands, and shall be  
glorified in the heavens.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
There be many that say, Who will deliver  
us from our hands? For we have  
heard that God hath said, We will  
not deliver them.  
Therefore shall they say, We will not  
be afraid, for the Lord is with us.  
We will not be afraid, for the Lord is  
with us, and he will deliver us from  
all our troubles.



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- John 20: 1-3



11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.





15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, [a] "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"





18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

– John 20:1-3









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Women



Tomb



2 Angels



Disciples

- Mary Magdalene & the other women went to the tomb at dawn to anoint Jesus' body (Matt 28:1, Mark 16:1-2; Luke 24:1, John 20:1)
- Before they arrived, an earth quake occurred & 1 angel rolled back the stone & sat on it (Matt 28:2-4)
- The women found the stone already moved & they arrived (Mark 16:4; Luke 24:2)
- The women entered the tomb & saw that Jesus' body was gone (Luke 24:3)
- 1 angel & 2 angels appeared to them, announcing that Jesus had risen (Matt 28:5-7; Mark 16:5-7, Luke 24:4-7)
- The women left the tomb, ran to disciples. (John 20:1-2)
- It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary (Mother of James) & a few more who told them that the body was missing



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**Peter & John**



**Mary  
Magdalene**



**Women**

- Mary Magdalene, Peter & John ran to the tomb, saw the linen cloths but hadn't understood the Scriptures that Jesus must rise from the dead so they went home. (John 20:3-9)
- Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb, weeping.
- She saw 2 angels inside the tomb.
- Then she turned & she encountered Jesus (John 20:11-17)
- She was 1st to see Jesus (Mark 16:9)
- Jesus told her to go & tell the disciples He had risen (John 20:18)
- 1 angel & 2 angels appeared to them, announcing that Jesus had risen (Matt 28:5-7; Mark 16:5-7, Luke 24:4-7)
- Jesus appears to the other women left the tomb, Jesus appeared to them & repeated the instruction to tell the disciples (Matt 28:8-10)
- The women told the disciples what they had seen & heard but the disciples initially did not believe them (Luke 24:9-11; Mark 16:10-11)





# The CROSS



Matt  
Mark  
Luke  
John



Matt  
Mark  
Liuke  
John



Mark 1  
Luke 2



Mark  
Liuke  
John

**Women**

**Tomb**

**2 Angel/s**

**Disciples**



Luke  
John



John

**Peter & John**

**Back**



Mark  
John



John



Mark  
John



Mark  
John

**Mary Magdalene**

**2 Angels**

**Jesus Christ**

**Disciples**



Matt



Matt



Matt

**Women**

**Angel/s**

**Jesus Christ**

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Bible wasn't written to you





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Bible wasn't written to you  
Bible is written for you









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2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom **7 DEMONS** had gone out,

3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

– Luke 8:1–3



A woman with long, wavy red hair is sitting up in bed, looking upwards with a terrified expression. Her forehead has a bloody wound, and her right hand, which is resting on her chest, also has a bloody wound. She is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved nightgown with a ruffled hem. The bed has a dark wooden headboard and a patterned blanket. To the right of the bed, there is a lamp with a fringed shade. The background is dark.

# Demon Possessed

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Mental  
Harm  
Seizures  
Isolation  
Uncontrollable

Assume  
hardship  
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Wealthy





40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

41 When he was in Galilee, they **FOLLOWED** him and **MINISTERED** to him, and there were also many other women who **CAME** up with him to Jerusalem.

Mark 15:40–41



# Super Fan



















~~Prostitute~~



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|                              | Matthew                                                                     | Mark                                                                        | Luke                                                              | John                                                        |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Text</b>                  | 26:6-13                                                                     | 14:3-9                                                                      | 7:36-50                                                           | 12:1-8                                                      |
| <b>Woman</b>                 | Anonymous                                                                   | Anonymous                                                                   | Anonymous                                                         | Mary<br>(sister of Lazarus)                                 |
| <b>When?</b>                 | 2 days before Passover                                                      | 2 days before Passover                                                      | Early in Jesus's ministry                                         | 6 days before Passover                                      |
| <b>Where?</b>                | Home of Simon the leper (Bethany)                                           | Home of Simon the leper (Bethany)                                           | Home of Simon the Pharisee (possibly town of Nain; see John 7:11) | Home unstated; Mary, Martha, and Lazarus involved (Bethany) |
| <b>Jesus's position</b>      | Reclined at table                                                           | Reclined at table                                                           | Reclined at table                                                 | Unstated                                                    |
| <b>Anointing</b>             | Perfume poured on head                                                      | Perfume poured on head                                                      | Ointment and tears on feet; wiped with hair                       | Perfume poured on feet; wiped with hair                     |
| <b>Ointment Case</b>         | Alabaster flask                                                             | Alabaster flask                                                             | Alabaster flask                                                   | 12oz jar                                                    |
| <b>Response of onlookers</b> | Disciples object                                                            | "Some" disciples object                                                     | Simon objects                                                     | Judas objects                                               |
| <b>Primary objection</b>     | Cost of perfume waster                                                      | Cost of perfume wasted                                                      | Sinfulness of woman                                               | Cost of perfume wasted                                      |
| <b>Response of Jesus</b>     | Rebukes disciples                                                           | Rebukes disciples                                                           | Rebukes Simon                                                     | Rebukes Judas                                               |
| <b>Next event</b>            | Judas leaves, conspires with chief priests to turn Jesus over               | Judas leaves, conspires with chief priests to turn Jesus over               | Unstated                                                          | Chief priests conspire to kill Lazarus                      |
| <b>Jesus's conclusion</b>    | She will be remembered & You always have the poor, but won't always have me | She will be remembered & You always have the poor, but won't always have me | She is forgiven; tells parable                                    | You always have the poor, but won't always have me          |
| <b>Reason for anointing</b>  | For burial                                                                  | For burial                                                                  | Unstated<br>(Presumably worship and repentance)                   | For burial                                                  |







Wife



DAN BROWN  
Da Vinci Code







Gnostic  
written centuries later,  
Gospel of Philip.

New Testament Canon



Learn



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INTENTIONALLY





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# INTENTIONALLY





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# INTENTIONALLY

- Ran to tell





*The*  
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# INTENTIONALLY

- Ran to tell
- Pay to serve





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- Faithful to Jesus





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Intention

vs

INTENTIONALLY













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Having the intention is good,

If we can do it more

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It will be even better





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consistency







- Design the flow to mislead.
- Make sure none of the options has the answer.
- No Red Packet.





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**VOLUNTEER**

**AID**

**VOLUNTEER**











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**Frank Jenner**



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Year ago

Crystal Palace,  
London

Stranger

10 days

Adelaide,  
Australia

Woman

Days

Pearth,  
Australia

Baptist elder





# The CROSS

– Lake District,  
UK 4 elderly pastors

– Caribbean 3 missionaries

– Atlanta Georgia,  
US Naval Chaplains

6 months India Indian diplomat





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40 years

George Street,  
Sydney, Australia

146,000 lives





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"Are you saved..?  
If you die tonight,  
will you go to heaven..?"





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- Give out pamphlets to tell
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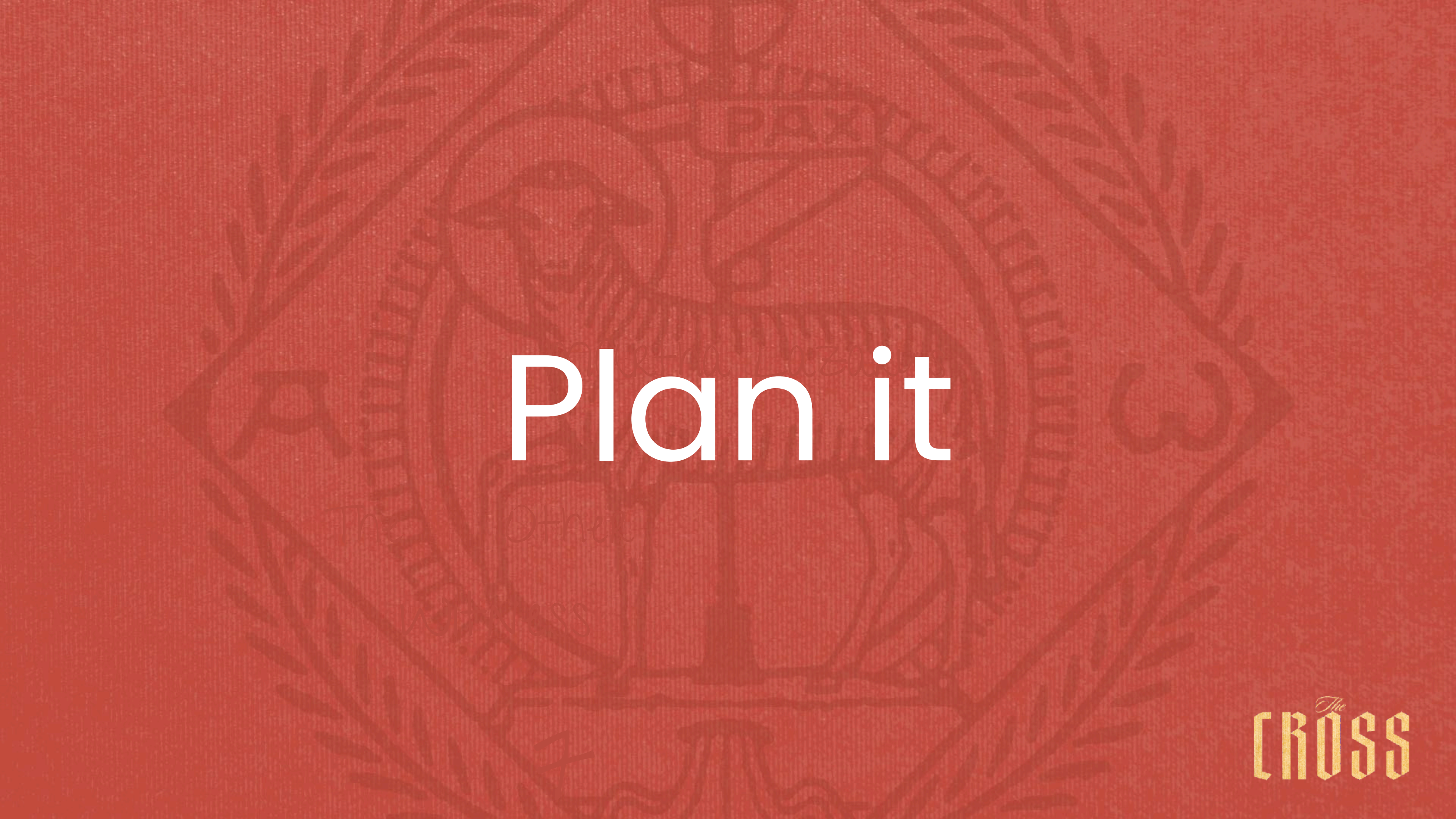






How..?





# Plan it

The Other  
Cross

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How..?







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# List of Questions

- Who has been going through a difficult time..?
- Who has shown curiosity about faith..?
- Who can I offer practical help (e.g., meals, childcare, or errands)..?
- Who can I build relationships with people..?
- Have I prepare my personal testimony..?
- Do I clearly understand the gospel message?
- What tools or methods can I use to explain the gospel effectively?
- Who in my church or community is experienced in evangelism?
- Can I join them as they share the gospel with others?
- Can I be a volunteer at a local charity, church outreach, or community event..?
- Who can I pray for..?
- How do I answer if someone says “All religions are the same”..?





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**INTENTIONALLY**

