

Hebrews 12:3

-John 21:18-22 (ESV) 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” 20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” 22 Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

-Love and loyalty

-“I know men, and I tell you Jesus Christ was not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and other religions the distance of infinity. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon sheer force. Jesus Christ alone founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men will die for Him.”

-“Consider” Christ

-2 Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV) 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

-ἰχθύς

Ι = Ἰησοῦ

Χ = Χριστός

Θ = Θεοῦ

Υ = Υἱός

Σ = Σοτήρ

-John Stott *The Cross of Christ*: “A universally acceptable Christian emblem would obviously need to speak of Jesus Christ, but there were a wide range of possibilities. Christians might have chosen the crib or manger in which the baby Jesus was laid, or the carpenter’s bench at which He worked as a young man in Nazareth, dignifying manual labour, or the boat from which He taught the crowds in Galilee, or the apron He wore when washing the apostles’ feet, which would have spoken of His spirit of humble service. Then there was the stone which, having been rolled from the mouth of Joseph’s tomb, would have proclaimed His resurrection. Other possibilities were the throne, symbol of divine sovereignty, which John in his vision of heaven saw that Jesus was sharing, or the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven on the Day of Pentecost. Any of these seven symbols would have been suitable as a pointer to some aspect of the ministry of the Lord. But instead the chosen symbol came to be a simple cross...They wished to commemorate as central to their understanding of Jesus neither His birth nor His youth, neither His teaching nor His service, neither His resurrection nor His reign, nor His gift of the Spirit, but His death, His crucifixion.”

**-Galatians 6:14 (ESV) But far
be it from me to boast except
in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by which the world has
been crucified to me, and I to
the world.**

-1 Corinthians 1:18; 22-24 (ESV) For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

-“To bind a Roman citizen is a crime, to flog him is an abomination, to kill him is almost an act of murder: to crucify him is—What? There is no fitting word that can possibly describe so horrible a deed...the very word ‘cross’ should be far removed not only from the person of the Roman citizen, but from his thoughts, his eyes and ears. For it is not only the actual occurrence of these things (sc. the procedures of crucifixion) or the endurance of them, but the liability to them, the expectation, indeed the mere mention of them, that is unworthy of a Roman citizen and a free man.” —Cicero

-Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (ESV) 22 “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

-Isaiah 53

-Were You There?