

What do you see when you survey the Cross.

### What do we survey?

What do you think when you see an Easter egg? Really.  
Do you think of the real meaning of Easter?  
Or do we think – Chocolate.

What about hot cross buns? Do you think of Jesus' death or do you think of... yum?  
There is a reason for Hot Cross buns.

The buns mark the end of Lent and different parts of the hot cross bun have a certain meaning, including the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him at his burial and the bun represents the tomb. Eating the bun represents the empty tomb.

Now what do you think when you see a cross?

Jesus

Jesus dying on a cross for your sins?

Actually most people think of two things: church. Meaning you see a cross is usually on a church. And Death meaning you see a cross on a grave stone.

For us the cross is the symbol of life. It's a death implement but a life symbol.

Jesus died for us to live!

Look at this

### Philippians 2:7-11

7. rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

8. And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death —  
even death on a cross!

9. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10.  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11. and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### How does God see the cross?

For what it is.

The tool of death that Jesus died on to affect the salvation of his people.

What do I mean by that?

The cross is a couple of bits of wood but it was on those bits of wood Jesus gave himself, in your place.

Is the cross significant?

Or is it the giving himself?

We know the answer:  
it is Jesus giving himself  
But

The reminder is the cross.

The cross is only significant if it leads us to Jesus.

So as the hymn says: When I survey the wondrous cross isn't about wood but Jesus giving himself for u and me.

Its symbolic. Its a reminder.

Notice the verse says

"Obedient to death, even death on a cross"

Not just any death but a shameful death. This is no cheating at sport shame. Kicking the golf ball, ball tampering at cricket, salary cap breaches in football, drugs in cycling.

This is about all the shame of the world, lying, cheating, lust, deceit the list goes on. Jesus took Your shame and my shame, things we won't tell anyone about.

But as well as that did it public in a culturally abhorrent format.

He took shame and shook hell out of it. Your shame dealt with. You don't have to be embarrassed anymore. Well before God anyway, us, his people take a bit longer to work out that Gods grace is sufficient to deal with sin AND shame.

How's that make us react to the cross now?

Think about it. Jesus dealt with it, yep on the cross.

So when u see a cross-

You remember what Jesus did and it leads us to awe, it leads us to worship. Look what it says:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

That is some expression of worship.

Lets join in.