

What is Your Cross?

Luke 9:23

Introduction: The cross means something far different in our society than it meant in the days that Jesus was on this earth. Death on the cross was reserved for only the worst of criminals who deserved to die a humiliating, torturous death. Jesus commands us to carry our cross. But “What is our cross?”

I. Your Cross Includes the Irritations of Life

- A. You must deny selfishness, Luke 9:23
- B. You must deny status. Luke 9:26
- C. “A man’s self is the prime cause of his misery.”

II. Your Cross Includes the Interruptions of Life

- A. Our cross must be born daily, 1 Corinthians 15:31
- B. Christ requires sacrifice of your safety, Luke 9:24
- C. Christ requires sacrifice of your independence, Luke 9:24

III. Your Cross Includes the Instruments of Death

- A. We must follow where Christ leads, even the cross
- B. A Christian is be willing to serve, Luke 9:23
- C. A Christian is willing to suffer, Luke 9:23