

WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN? / *Luke 23:26*

The cross is . . .

a place of ransom—Jesus made the payment for believers' debt of sin.

a place of substitution—Jesus took the punishment that everyone deserves.

a place of propitiation—Jesus' perfect sacrifice removed God's punishment from those who believe.

a place of victory—Jesus' sacrifice defeated Satan's hold on humanity.

a place of beginning—Jesus' shed blood began the church.

a place of ending—Jesus' sacrifice ended all other sacrifices for sin.

a place of separation—Jesus' death is the basis on which God sets apart a people to be a holy community.

a place of mediation—Jesus became mediator between sinful humanity and holy God.

a place of reconciliation—Jesus reconciled God and sinners, and reconciled Jews and Gentiles.

a place of justification—Jesus' death makes it possible for God to declare believers righteous before him.

Reference

Mark 10:45
1 Timothy 2:6
Hebrews 9:15

John 6:51
Romans 8:3
2 Corinthians 5:21

Romans 3:25

John 3:14-15; 8:28; 12:31-32;
18:32

Acts 20:28

Hebrews 8–10

1 Peter 1:2, 18-25; 2:1-11

Galatians 3:13, 19-20

Romans 5:8-11
2 Corinthians 5:20-21
Ephesians 2:11-22
Colossians 1:21-22; 2:11-15

Romans 3:21-31