



## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NIV

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18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



## Galatians 6:14 NIV

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.



## Mark 14:36 NIV

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“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”



## Matthew 26:53 NIV

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Do you think I cannot call on my Father,  
and he will at once put at my disposal more  
than twelve legions of angels?



## Isaiah 29:14 NIV

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Therefore once more I will astound these people  
with wonder upon wonder;  
the wisdom of the wise will perish,  
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.”

**Previous Scripture: Matthew 26:53;**

**Mark 14:36; Galatians 6:14**



## Deuteronomy 21:23 NIV

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you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

**Previous Scripture: Isaiah 29:14;**

**Matthew 26:53; Mark 14:36**



## Genesis 3:6 NIV

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When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

**Previous Scripture: Deuteronomy 21:23;**

**Isaiah 29:14; Matthew 26:53**



# I. To Stumble At the Cross



1 Corinthians 1:23a NIV

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but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling  
block to Jews





# I. To Stumble At the Cross



1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NIV

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1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**Previous Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:23a;**

**Genesis 3:6; Deuteronomy 21:23**



# I. To Stumble At the Cross Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV



8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the LORD.

9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



# II. To Laugh At the Cross



1 Corinthians 1:23b NIV

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and foolishness to Gentiles,

Previous Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-9;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:23a



## II. To Laugh At the Cross

Romans 1:16 NIV



For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God that brings  
salvation to everyone who believes: first to  
the Jew, then to the Gentile.



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



1 Corinthians 1:24 NIV

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but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



1 Corinthians 2:7 NIV

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No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



1 Corinthians 4:1 NIV

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This, then, is how you ought to regard us:  
as servants of Christ and as those entrusted  
with the mysteries God has revealed.



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



Romans 3:25 NIV

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God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—





# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross Galatians 3:13 NIV



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



1 John 4:10 NIV

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



# III. To Believe In The Power of the Cross



Luke 9:23 NIV

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Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.