





In The Shadow Of The Cross

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem."

Luke 9:51



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Jesus wasn't walking TO the cross...

He was walking THROUGH the cross...

to the resurrection and ascension!



Keep Your Perspective and Focus Right

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Heb 12:2

Jesus Focused On: The Outcome of The Cross

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10



Jesus Focused On: Others Blessings From The Cross

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Jesus Focused On: The Obedience Of The Cross

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

John 14:28-31

3 Questions In The Shadow

- 1. What is the long term spiritual and eternal OUTCOME from this?
- 2. What are the blessings to OTHERS that God can provide through this?
 - 3. What is the next act of OBEDIENCE I can take to show the world I love the Father?

