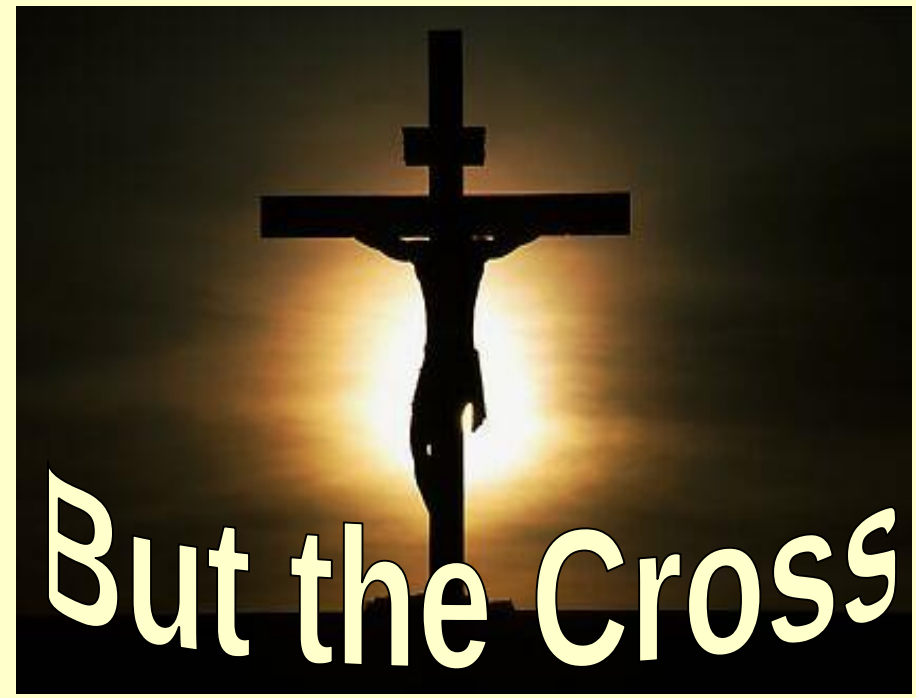


Our emphasis should not be on the manger of Jesus, but the cross of Jesus

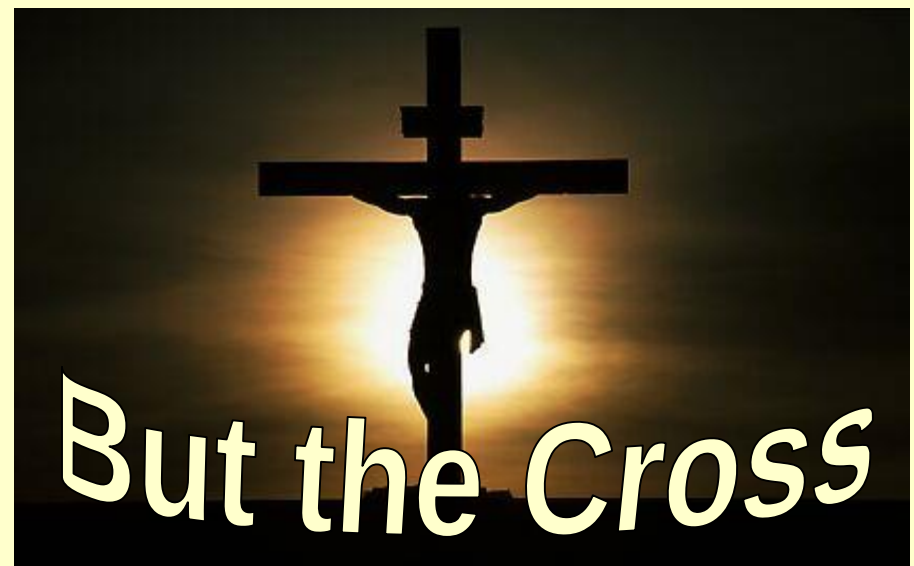
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John 12:44



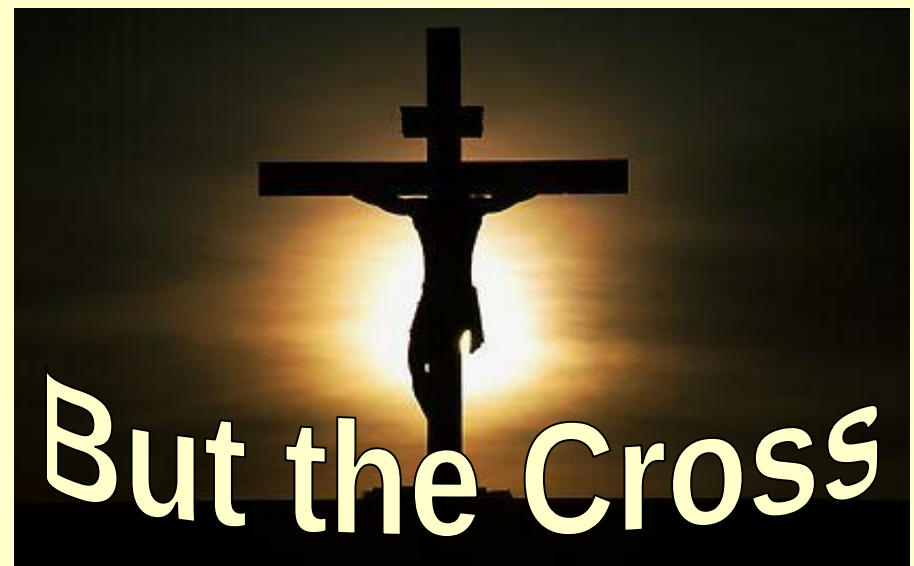
Errors of Christmas Traditions

- **House – Not Stable** (Matthew 2:11)
- **“3” Wise men, Gifts** (\$\$, Shirt, Tie)
- **Time – Shepherds** (Luke 2:8, Nov 1st)
- **Celebration of Birth** (Matthew 28:20; 15:8-9; Colossians 3:17; Galatians 1:8-9; 4:9-10; 2 John 9)



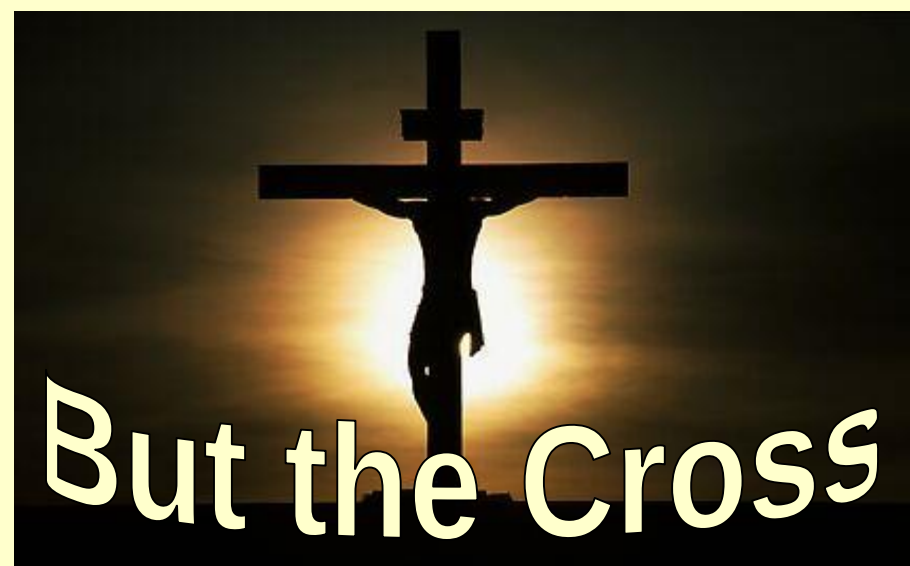
We Are Not

Denying the virgin birth Luke 2:10-20
Denying the virgin birth Matt 1:18-25; Luke 1:34
Denying prophecy Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6
Denying Mary Luke 1:26-31, 41-49
Denying "our" views Isaiah 8:20; 1 Cor. 4:6



Jesus Emphasized

- ➡ **“Sign”** Matthew 12:38-40
- ➡ **“Things of God”** Matthew 16:21-23
- ➡ **Purpose of His Coming** John 12:27, 32-33
- ➡ **Prophecy is fulfilled** Luke 22:37; 24:25-27, 44-46



Apostles Emphasized

➡ **Peter** Acts 2:22-36; 3:13-15; 4:2

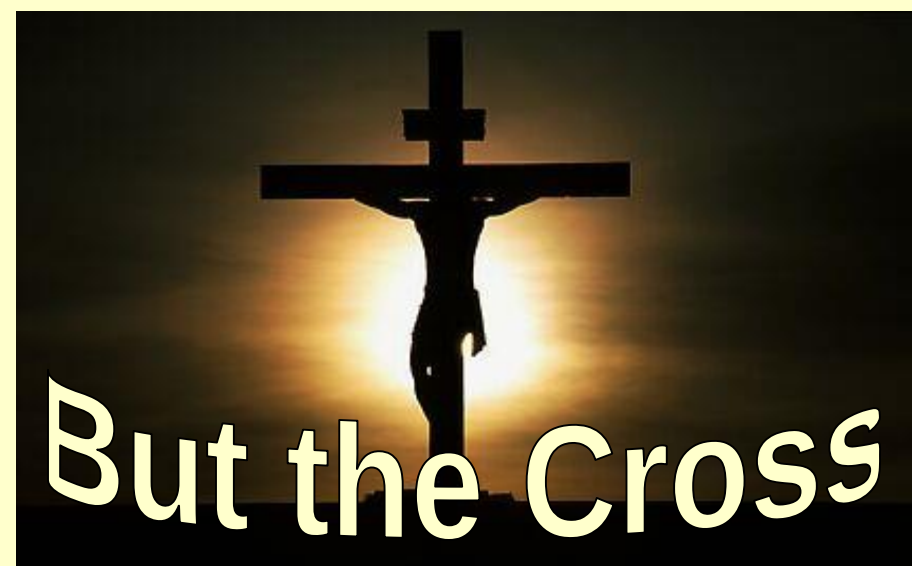
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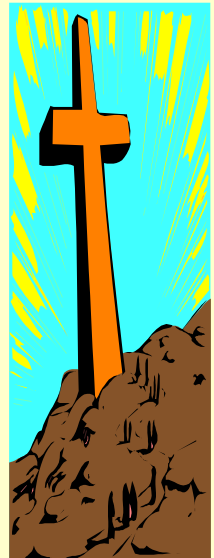
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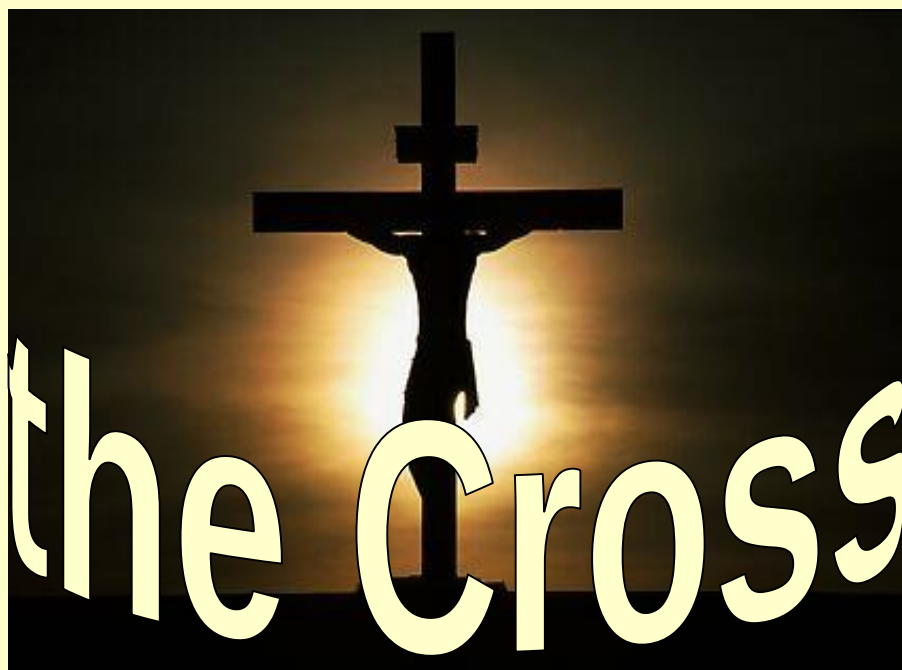
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What the Cross Shows Us

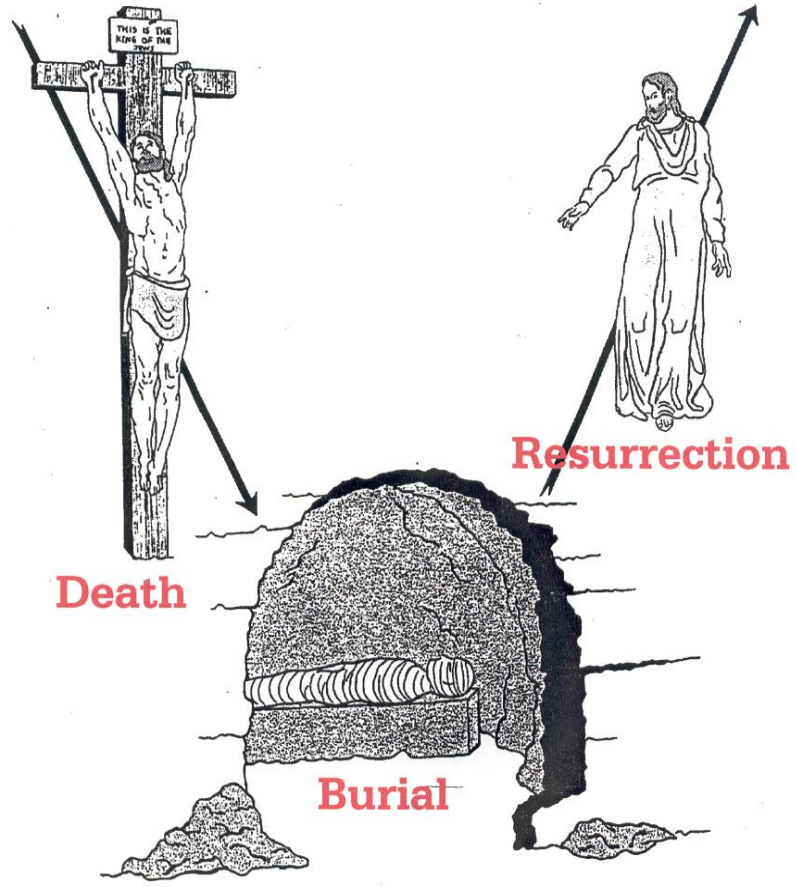
- ✝ **Enormity, Awfulness of Sin!**
- ✝ **The Love of God** John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10
- ✝ **Grace of God in Christ** 2 Cor. 8:9
- ✝ **That Jesus was Born** Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:9
 - ✝ We believe He was born!
 - ✝ Emphasis is on His **death, burial, and resurrection!**

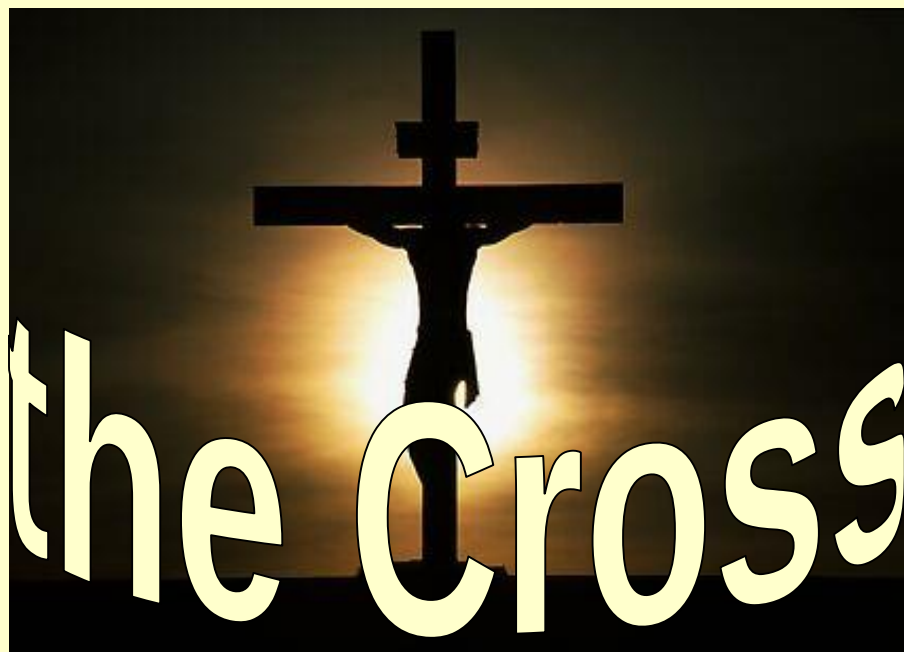




1 Cor. 15:3-4

The Gospel Enacted





Romans 6:3-17

The Gospel Re-enacted In Baptism

