



Easter

The Gravity of the Cross (part 1)

Pastor John Driver

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The Weight of Gravity

He not only felt human weight, but also literally carried human weight.

The Weight of Sin

Hebrews 2:17-18 NLT, Colossians 2:13-15 NLT

The Weight of Worry

Worry is carrying the weight yourself, believing that you can be more responsible for it than God. It takes your role in the process and elevates you to CFO: Chief Fixing Officer. It also judges others who encourage you not to worry as if they are advocating irresponsibility. It assumes that if given enough time, you can figure it out. It also assumes that your worry is helping the situation, even though it is only hurting you, others, and the situation.

When He carried the cross, He carried my sin... but He carried my worries as well so that though I will feel the cares of this life, I can continually place the weight of them on Christ as I refuse to carry them alone, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." / *Peter 5:7 NKJV*

Liturgy from Book of Common Prayer:

Speaker: We glory in your cross, O Lord,

Response: And praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Speaker: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Response: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Speaker: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Response: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.



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Everyone Needs a Stone Moved (part 2)

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Matthew 28:6-8 NLT

The most difficult journey you face is going back to the place where you once failed. Back to the place where you've been hurt. Back to the place where you tried and did not succeed. Back to a place that reminds you of sorrow and loss.

#1 Tell the story of what Christ has done for you/in you.

#2 Joy will abound in and for those who encounter Him.

Luke 24:32 NLT

#3 Let the love of Christ burn within you.

Luke 24:44-45 NLT

#4 Open your life/mind to the things of Christ and gain great understanding.

I believe in the sun, even though it doesn't shine, I believe in love, even when it isn't shown, I believe in God, even when he doesn't speak.

The most easy journey you will take is allowing Christ to encounter/accompany you in the most difficult place where you've been hurt, a place you tried but did not succeed at a place that often reminds you of sorrow.