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John 16:20

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Matthew 27:54

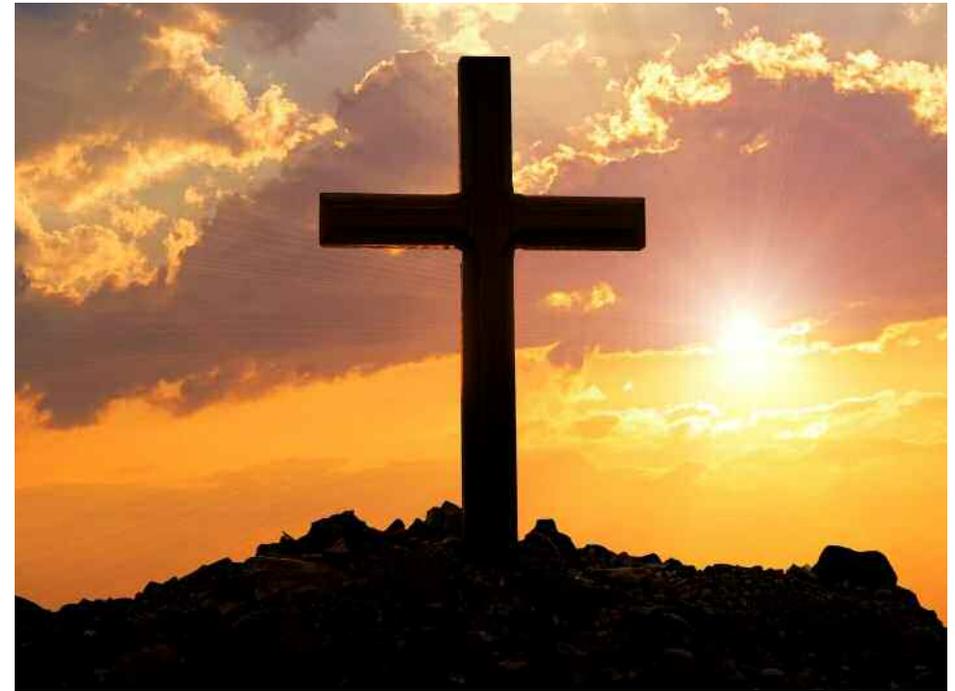
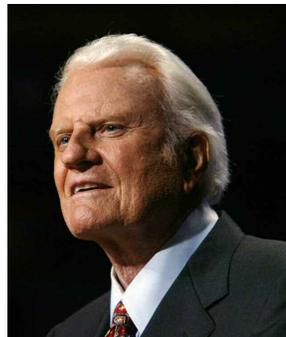
When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely He was the Son of God!"

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**When Christ hung, and bled,
and died, it was God saying
to the world, "I love you."**

Billy Graham



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FINDING HOPE IN THE VALLEY - YOUR TEARS WILL TURN TO JOY

The cross

Romans 3:23; 6:23

My response to the cross will _____

RESPONSES TO THE CROSS

Luke 23:35

Disciples:

The People:

Rulers & Chief Priests:

Romans:

Thief:

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IT WAS OUR SIN THAT PUT JESUS ON THE CROSS

2 Cor 5:21

Your response to the cross:

1. The cross was a horrific form of execution, used by the Romans, that not only dealt with the one who was guilty, but was also used to instill fear in others who might have thoughts of any kind of uprising against Rome. Read 1 Cor 1:18. What does this verse mean to you?

2. Read Romans 3:23, 6:23 and 2 Cor 5:21. What does it mean that it was your sin that put Jesus on the cross?

3. Go through your notes, opposite, and review the responses of those who watched the crucifixion of Jesus. For each one, consider their response and examine why they responded in the way they did.

4. What needs to happen in a person's life for them to respond in a way that causes them to seek forgiveness?

5. Read John 16:16-20. In this passage, Jesus is explaining to His disciples that their response to the cross is going to change after 'a little while'. Why?

6. What is your response to the cross?