



why  
must we  
carry a  
**cross?**



**Yakov Smirnoff**

**Mark 8: 31 tells us, “And He began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the Chief Priest, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”**

**MARK 8:34**

**“FOR WHOSOEVER WILL COME AFTER ME,  
LET HIM TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW  
ME.” KJV**

## **Three reasons why we must carry a cross:**

- 1. We must carry a cross to remind us that we are not the center of the Universe.**
- 2. We must carry a cross to remind us that there are others who suffer and we must help.**
- 3. We must carry a cross to remind us that we are responsible in part for the cross that Jesus carried.**



**1. WE MUST CARRY A CROSS AS A REMINDER IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT US.**

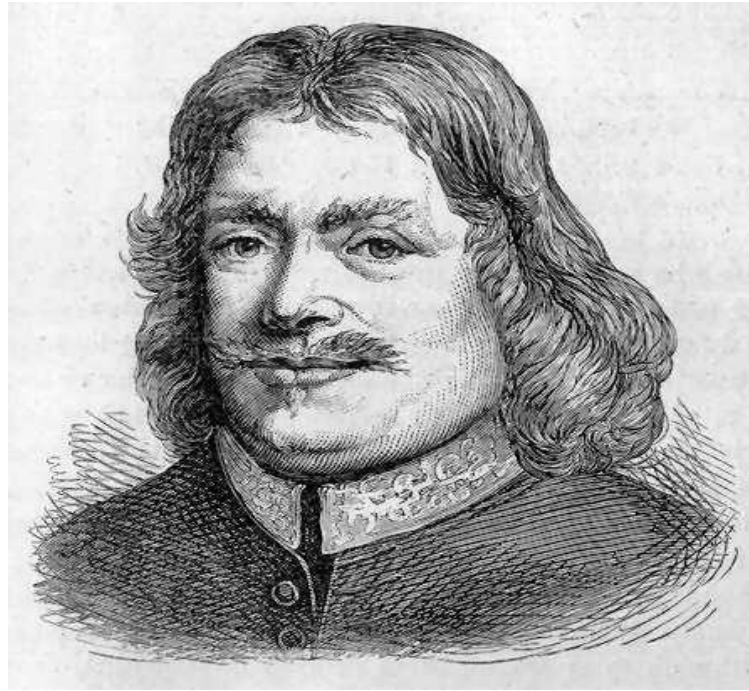
**LUKE 14:26**

**Jesus speaking—“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” JKV**



**2. WE MUST CARRY A CROSS TO REMIND US THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO SUFFER AND WE MUST HELP.**





John Bunyan

***“You have never lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”***



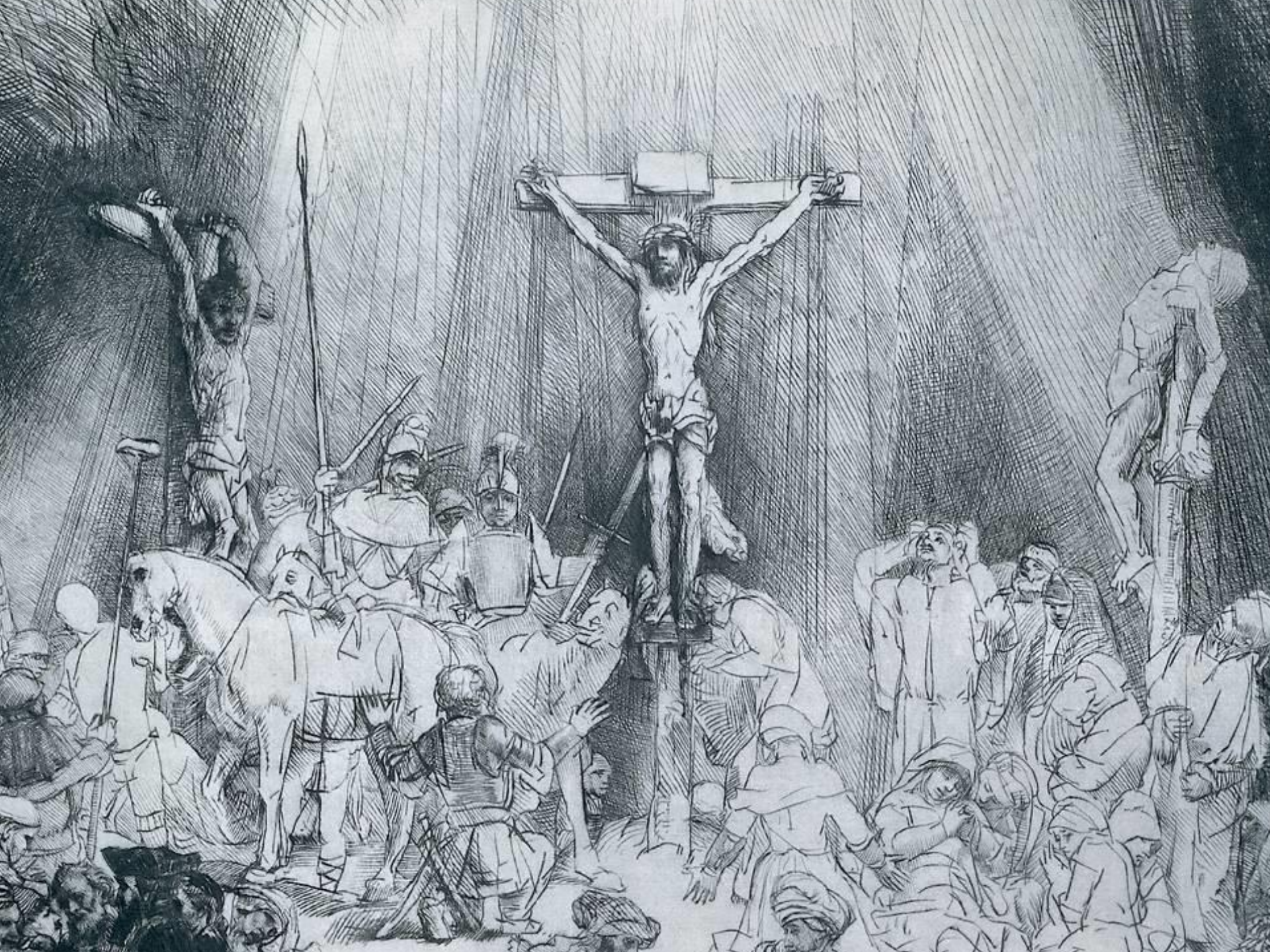
## Mother Teresa

“Love is not patronizing and charity isn’t about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same- -with charity you give love, so don’t just give money **but reach out your hand instead.**”



**3. WE MUST CARRY A CROSS TO REMIND US THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE IN PART FOR THE CROSS THAT JESUS CARRIED.**







"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

