

# Journey to the Cross: Courageous Journey

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## Luke 22:39-44

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Christ's journey to the cross was...

## 1. COURAGEOUS

Mark 10:32-34 (Jesus predicts His death)

32 They (Jesus and His disciples) were on their way up to Jerusalem, with **Jesus leading the way**, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. **Again** he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Luke 22:42 (Jesus praying in the garden)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Christ's journey to the cross was...

## 2. COSTLY

Luke 22:44 (Jesus' prayer was an "anguished" prayer)  
And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

- Hematidrosis

## John 19:32-34

32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

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## 3. LIFE GIVING

1 Cor 1:17-18

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel — not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Rom 5:18-19

18 ... just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Col 2:13-14

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.