

**TITLE: MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS**

Your understanding of the cross will determine how you live today and how you fare in eternity.

5 Perspectives of the Cross

- I. A **Curiosity** 35 & 48  
Those who miss the relevance of the cross for their own lives
- II. A **Condemnation** 35-38  
Those who resent Christ's confrontation of their self-righteousness
- III. A **Contradiction** 49  
Those who can't make sense of struggle and suffering in the Christian life
- IV. A **Confirmation** 46-47  
Those who recognize Divinity through the prism of suffering
- V. A **Crossroad** 39-43  
Those who recognize the opportunity to side with Christ