

# THE CROSS OF HOSTILITY



**Ephesians 2:11-16**

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- Terms that are synonymous with hostility include: animosity, malevolence, abhorrence, malice, hatred.

Today, as we think about the cross of Jesus, I want us to focus on how that cross represented so much hate and then ultimately how it has become the symbol of unmatched love and hope.



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*The cross represents how much.....*

**MAN HATES MAN**

It represents how black our hearts can become. The anger & malice we are capable of showing- Gen. 4:8.

It represents the depths of cruelty to which we can stoop. It isn't only about justice, it is about celebrating torture.

Is. 53, Heb. 12:2, Phil. 2:8 help us understand the pain.

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*The cross represents how much.....*

**MAN HATES GOD**

Acts 2:22-23

John 3:19

Isaiah 30:10-11

John 15:18-25

He was hated without a cause. He did no sin!



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**GOD HATES SIN**

Is. 53:10-11; 59:2

Ps. 5:4-5; 97:10

Prov. 6:16-19

Zech. 8:17

Rom. 6:23

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- *The cross represents how much.....*

**GOD LOVES MAN**

- John 3:16

- Rom. 5:8

- I John 4:9-10

Eph. 2:16- God killed the hostility.