



# THINKING NOTHING OF IT

A. One aspect we don't often mention is the SHAME of the Cross

- There was a huge emotional humiliation tied to the cross

**Hebrews 12:2 “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”**

- NIV: Scorning the shame
- NLT: Disregarding its shame
- CEB: Ignoring its shame
- Phillips: Thought nothing of it

## The Cross Involves Multiple Avenues of Study

- The purpose of Jesus dying upon the cross
- The prophecies that tell of that event
- The historical account of His death on the cross
- The physical trauma of His death
- The spiritual impact His death had
- The hope that His death declares
- The message of the cross
- The power of His blood to cleanse
- The central characters around the cross
- How the cross changed lives
- The similarities between His cross and our cross
- The symbolism of a sacrificial lamb and the cross
- The cross wasn't the end of the story
- The burden of carrying sins on the cross
- How the cross unites
- What the cross did to Jesus
- What the cross did to the Father
- The miracles around the cross
- The meaning of the curtain in the temple splitting

1. The shame of the \_\_\_\_\_ itself (Gal 3:13)
2. The shame of the forced \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 19:23-24)
3. The shame of being \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 23:33)
4. The shame of what was \_\_\_\_\_ to Him
5. The shame of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk 15:36)
6. The shame of being \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 26:31)

B. Jesus thought \_\_\_\_\_ of the shame (No big deal)

It wasn't something that \_\_\_\_\_ Him  
It wasn't something that made Him \_\_\_\_\_ His plans  
It wasn't something to make Him \_\_\_\_\_

C. When we consider the humiliation that Jesus went through:

1. It ought to make us \_\_\_\_\_ Him even more
2. It ought to compel us to stand \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
- it should give us a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 1:16; 1 Tim 1:18; Acts 20:22-24)
3. It ought to show us how to keep our \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ and not be \_\_\_\_\_

Stop trying to make Christianity fit in with the \_\_\_\_\_. It doesn't.

Stop trying to make the \_\_\_\_\_ less offensive. You can't.

Stop trying to make the church like all the other \_\_\_\_\_. It's not.