

# book of the month     *The Cross He Bore – Frederick S. Leahy*

Remembering why Christ came into the world is always an important matter, especially at this time of year. A short, easy-to-read book that helps us comprehend the cross would be a perfect accompaniment to the Christmas season. *The Cross He Bore* is just such a book. With less than 100 pages of content, this book will quickly help you treasure the gospel in renewed ways.

Frederick Leahy reflects on 13 different scenes from Christ's suffering, beginning in the garden of Gethsemane to Christ's final breath. Leahy quotes a wealth of writers to help the reader sense the gravity and significance of what Jesus endured so long ago. This book will help you better imagine what took place, increasing your carefulness in reading the gospel accounts and improving your gratitude for our Savior. The booktable ministry is excited to have this book impact our church body this month and, Lord willing, years to come!

– Omri Miles

## Quotes from *The Cross He Bore*

"Lord, forgive us for the times we have read about Gethsemane with dry eyes."

"Gethsemane is not a place for hurried theological tourism: it is where the believer must linger, watch and pray."

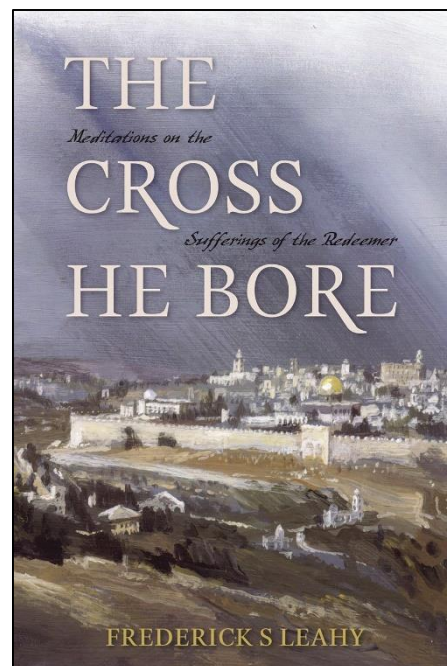
"As the cross goes out of focus in the Christian's life, coldness and backsliding set in."

"A Jesus who is just less than God is like a bridge broken at the farther end. Such a Jesus could not deliver from Satan and sin."

"The hour of Christ's arrest, trial and crucifixion was determined in the counsels of the Godhead from all eternity."

"He went as a king to die."

"The real truth is that while He came to preach the Gospel, His chief object in coming was that there might be a Gospel to preach." - R. W. Dale, quoted by Frederick S. Leahy



## Suggested One-Month Reading Plan (about 3 pages per day)

### Week 1: Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>

Foreword	-	2 pages
Introduction	-	2 pages
Man of Sorrows	-	6 pages
Prayerful Submission	-	8 pages
Strengthened to Suffer	-	8 pages

### Week 2: Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>

Satan's Hour	-	8 pages
The Dumb Lamb	-	8 pages
Taking the Oath	-	8 pages
Sentenced to Death	-	8 pages

### Week 3: Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>

The Butt of Mockery	-	8 pages
The Crown of Thorns	-	6 pages
Outside the Gates	-	8 pages
Satan's Cup Refused	-	6 pages

### Week 4: Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup>

The King Among		
Bandits	-	8 pages
Outer Darkness	-	8 pages
Epilogue	-	2 pages

## Heart-Shepherding Help

**Reread** about Christ's sufferings in each of the gospel accounts this month. Prayerfully ask God to help you read worshipfully, meditatively, and soberly as you grasp the significance of each event being described.

The passages documenting Christ's sufferings are as follows:

1. Matthew 26:30 – 27:56
2. Mark 14:26 – 15:41
3. Luke 22:39 – 23:49
4. John 18:1 – 19:37