

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

“What things are you struggling with, as you travel your road?”

1. Being a Christian means “the carrying of the Cross daily”. Identify the Cross that Christ has asked you to carry, and give it a more familiar name. (Don’t be diverted into thinking of the crosses you try to carry for others, but find the one that is written in *your* being.)
2. Are you doing this generously and peacefully, or fractiously and impatiently? Does the understanding of Jesus’ Cross come into your daily struggles? Do you ever think of the wretched bits of your life as important or potentially central?
3. Can you identify areas where you *resist* the acceptance of the Cross, or fail to recognise it for what it is? Are there parts of your life that are not being lived in the sight of God, struggles that are lonely and unhelped by prayer and grace?
4. If Christ has ever met you in the difficulty of your living, it is the *risen* Christ you have met: the one who died on the Cross, in order to pass to eternal life. That is why he holds the keys to your locked doors.
5. Have you left room in your life for *joy*, like that which turned the two disciples round on their road? Your faith promises no less to you - don’t settle for less!