







And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.



Hymn #327 The Old Rugged Cross













A. There is a difference between near death and being dead

B. Most near deaths do not follow scripture, (4 things they have in common)









C. There are no near deaths recorded in scripture



A. The Romans were masters at capital punishment







A. His enemies understood His prediction Matthew 27:62-64

B. He told them He would conquer death v. 7

C. Jesus is unique—He is the only "religious" leader to ever say it and do it





B. Look at the life of the early church



