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The Scandal of the Cross and Post-Conflict Theology

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St. Paul's description of the cross as 'a scandal' (1 Cor. 1.23) is widely known. Christians around the world are familiar with it, and many recall it each year on Good Friday. But what exactly made the cross so scandalous and shameful? This lecture will examine sexualized violence and tortures in contemporary conflicts and in the Roman world. It explains why the cross was so offensive in the first century, it suggests that the real shame of the cross has been unspeakable for two millennia, and it asks how this might be appropriately addressed in a post-conflict theology which seeks to affirm human dignity.

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