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Why The Cross  
Is The Crux Of The Matter  
Matthew 27: 35-37, 45-54  
(Pew Bible p. 992)

Introduction: “*What really matters? What counts? Go to the essence.*”  
–A sincere inquirer to Max Lucado

“I make known to you, brethren, the gospel...by which you are saved...as of first importance...that Christ died for our sins...and that He was raised...” -1 Corinthians 15:1-4

***The cross of Jesus Christ is the crux of the matter because it alone opens direct access to God.***

1. Opens = The separation caused by sin is fully dealt with.
2. Direct access to God = available 24/7 to anyone who will trust Jesus as the One who paid their indebtedness.

*Jesus paid the debt – but each person must accept the gift.*