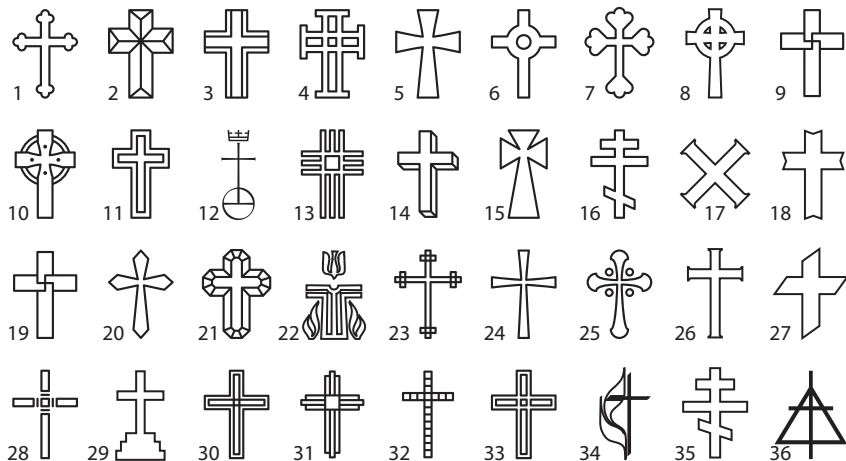


In this story, Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me!" Can you find the two matching crosses?



## Following Jesus

based on Mark 8:31-38

Jesus and his disciples were walking from town to town. A crowd of people traveled with them. As they walked, Jesus told about what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem. He said he would be arrested and then killed on a cross, but that God would raise him from the dead three days later.

Peter was upset! He had hoped Jesus was the king who would save Israel from the Roman army. Peter scolded Jesus for talking about his death.

Jesus spoke sternly to Peter: "Get away from me! You are thinking about the things of this world instead of the ways of God's kingdom. You don't understand God's plan for me."

Then Jesus told the crowd, "If you want to follow me, you must follow my teachings no matter what. Take up your cross and follow me! Be true to God. Be brave—don't be ashamed of me and what I teach."

Besides the disciples, many other people followed Jesus, wanting to hear what he had to say about God. Find ten things that are different in the two pictures.

