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## "Yogi-isms" and the Cross

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**Y**ogi Berra, the famous New York Yankee, has a rather interesting way with words. He's the king of one-liners. For instance, he was once quoted as saying, "Baseball is 90% mental, and the other half is physical." Anyway, the story is told that Yogi was burning leaves in his yard one autumn day. The wind picked up and it became harder for Yogi to keep the fire under control. A storage shed was beginning to be threatened, so he ran into his house and called the fire department. "Hurry!" Yogi shouted into the phone. "I have a fire over here that's getting out of control!" "How do we get there," the fireman asked on the other end of the line. There was a slight pause, then Yogi answered, "You still got them red trucks, ain't you?"

Communication. How many problems at home, work, and church are caused by a lack of communication. We don't always express ourselves well, leaving our listeners room to misunderstand.

Of course, God knows our propensity to misunderstand one another, therefore he accommodated our human frailty. The event of the cross stands as a billboard that simply cannot be overlooked or misunderstood. Here, God communicated his love so clearly that one cannot help but understand the message. What is that message? God loves you (John 3:16).

One thing is for sure: We humans may not always communicate well, but the message of the cross is unmistakable.