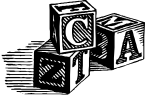


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Series: The Way of His Cross

Response Questions for, ""The Way of the Cross," (Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23 [absolute]).



Basic Ideas from Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know what comes from the cross is now identified by the cross.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose the way of the cross over the way of self.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of living the crucified life.



Basic Questions from Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23.

Matthew 10:16-42

1. Does the "world" look favorably on the Christian?
2. What is Jesus warning His disciples about?
3. In the midst of intense persecution, what is Jesus calling them to do (vv. 19, 20)?
4. What is verse 24 telling us as disciples of Christ?
5. What do you believe the confessing and denying is in verses 32, 33 to mean?
6. How would you understand the entire tone of this paragraph?
7. What are His followers being called upon to do (vv. 38, 39)?

Matthew 16:24-28; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26

8. Is bearing His cross optional for the believer?
9. Can a person be saved if they do not take up His cross?

Mark 10:17-31

10. What did cross-bearing look like for the rich young ruler?
11. Is this what it means for us?
12. If all that is stated is true, how then should we live?
13. Do you think the passages are describing how a believer becomes a disciple or how an unbeliever becomes a disciple?
14. Is it possible to be a Christian without being a disciple?
15. Why do you think current discipleship seems so anemic compared to what the biblical text describes?
16. What questions does this text invite you to ask?
17. Why does it appear as if the cross has been removed from present day Christianity?



The **Basic Application** from Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:23.

1. How might we evaluate ourselves in light of these passages?
2. How do we "reconcile" this passage with our own Christian life and the various relationships we are a part of?

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3. May God use this time to awaken us to His Story and how we are a part of it. May this time be a time of deepening and growth.
4. What does this story cause us to change in our thinking and/or actions?
5. What application can we make from this text?
6. THINK, CHOOSE, FEEL.

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