

Jesus's teachings and why don't we follow them today

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- Jesus Promises blessing and fulfillment for those that follow him – John 4:14
- By this we think that following Jesus is easy
- The disciples gave up everything to follow after Jesus
- Matthew 19:27-29, Mark 10:28, Luke 14:33, Mathew 19:2, Mark 10:21
- Jesus was upfront with his disciples - Matthew 16:24 – Luke 9:23
- The life of a follower of Jesus isn't easy – 2 Timothy 3:12, John 16:33

Jesus's teachings are counter cultural

- These teachings are countercultural to a lot of the world today
- Back in the first century this was very countercultural too what was happening at the time
- Today Jesus's message is still not normal for us – Mark 12:31
- Jesus was profound and yet simple enough for a child to understand
- Jesus taught that it was going to take more than some rules to get into heaven – John 3
- People don't like to depend on anyone else – John 15:5
- We live in a self-centered culture, The idea of following and trusting anyone other than ourselves is foreign to us

It costs a lot to follow Jesus

- Very little people follow Jesus because it's easier not to
- When you realize what Jesus asks of you, people just don't want to do it
- Before we start something we have got to count the cost – Luke 14:28,29
- The easiest thing to do isn't always right thing to do
- Jesus has given us teaching and countless examples of what to follow
- It could cost relationships, money time and even your life to follow Jesus – Luke 14:25-34
- It costs more to follow Jesus than people are willing to give up
- What happens if he calls you to go somewhere – Matthew 19:19-20

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I don't have the time

- We don't follow Jesus because we don't have the time
- The people that say this will have all the time in the world to think about the decision that they had made
- This is an excuse that normally has a deeper meaning
- We make time for what is important
- This person is basically saying I don't care enough to follow Jesus
- Who you spend your time around is who you will ultimately become
- Time is something that's valuable, make time for what's important in life

Because Jesus isn't accurate

- To say that this is true
 1. Haven't met an actual follower of Jesus
 2. Have never looked into who Jesus is
 3. Are trying to shut down a conversation
- This is more and more common as we see more Atheists and Agnostics
- This isn't a new question – John 20:24-29
- We have archeology and historical evidence - 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

Why chose to follow Jesus?

- Because everything that he said is true – 1 John 5:20
- Following Jesus leads to an abundant life – John 10:10
- Jesus has proven to be reliable and the ONLY answer – John 14:6
- He changes our lives completely – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- In a world that has chaos and pain, Jesus provides answers and solutions that wouldn't be possible apart from him
- Without Jesus there is no hope in this lifetime
- The cost to follow Jesus is high, but its worth it – Luke 9:23
- Keep in mind it also cost Jesus his life to save you – Matthew 27:32-44