

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

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"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?'" {John 6:66,67}

During His public ministry some of the disciples thought His teaching was too difficult. Discipleship has never been easy or cheap. Listen to the words of Jesus as He gives us an opportunity to hearken and obey:

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." {Matthew 11:28-30}

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.'" {John 4:13,14}

"Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue." {John 12:42}

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven." {Matthew 10:32,33}

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." {Matthew 10:37,38}

In all of these passages, with many more we could offer, Jesus is calling men to make a decision. What is this decision? **What will you do with Jesus?** This question is still being asked today. All men give an answer every day they live on God's green earth. What will an affirmative answer require of one?

Faith and Trust. One cannot come to Jesus without trusting Him and having faith in all He has promised. Will you put your hand in His hands? Do you have the faith of Job? "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him." {Job 13:15}

Obedience. One cannot fully come to Jesus without understanding that this is not optional. Jesus expects His children to comply with all of His commandments, even if we don't agree or understand the purpose of them.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." {John 14:15}

“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.” {Hebrews 5:9}

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all "{Ecclesiastes 12: 13} God has always required man to obey Him in all things.

Do you see why this question is easier to ask than to answer? Many people are willing to answer that they will "follow Him". Yet, when the way gets a little rough, they begin to waiver and drift. Finally, they drift back into the world. I guess they really didn't know what to do with Him.

My friend, what are you doing with Jesus today? What answer are you giving Him today? This is your decision to make. Nobody can make this call for another. Every person will give an account as to what answer they gave in life. Be advised- your answer has eternal ramifications! ***