

The Crowd or the Christ

Luke 9:18-27

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Christ, the Promised Savior from God.

Salvation came at a great Cost but offers a greater Hope.

Who am I?

Followers must make a Choice: Jesus or the World.

Following comes at a great Cost but offers a greater Hope.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Who is someone in your life you always wanted to look like when growing up? Why?
2. Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” (Luke 9:20). Why is this the most important question a person can answer? Ref John 6:35, 8:12, 8:58, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:5
3. Jesus says that He must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and be raised (Luke 9:22). What does it tell us about God's plan for salvation? Ref Gen 3:15; Isaiah 53:3–5; 1 Peter 1:3–7, 2:20–24
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23)? How do you understand the daily nature of discipleship?
5. “Following comes at a great cost but offers a greater hope.” How have you experienced both the cost and the hope of following Jesus?
6. In what practical ways can we deny ourselves and take up our cross this week? What would it look like to submit to Jesus' authority over our own comfort, ambition, or fear?

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle