



The Life Of Jesus

**FROM THE
BOOK OF LUKE**

“But what about you?” (Jesus) asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone.²² And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

Luke 9:20-22

²³ Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

²⁵ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?”

Luke 9:23-25

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. Luke 9:51-53

⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went to another village.

Luke 9:54-56

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Luke 9:57, 58

59 He said to another man, “Follow me.” But the man replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:59, 60

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” ⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:61, 62



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“I will follow you wherever
you go.” Luke 9:57

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Luke 9:58

“Lord, first let me (second person) go and bury my father.” Luke 9:59

“I (third person) will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.” Luke 9:61

I. Following Jesus
requires a new
priority.



No one who puts his hand to
the plow and looks back is
fit for service...

Luke 9:62

No one who ... looks back is
fit for service...

Luke 9:62

No one who ... looks back is
useful for service

Luke 9:62

“Let the dead bury their own
dead ...”. Luke 9:60

**“Let the dead bury their own
dead ...”.** **Luke 9:60**

“Let the dead is referring to
those that are spiritually dead

Luke 9:60

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, ...

Matthew 10:34,35



II. Following Jesus requires a new identity



²³ ... “If anyone would come
after me, he must deny
himself and take up his cross
daily and follow me. ²⁴ For
whoever wants to save his life
will lose it, ... Luke 9:23,24

And what do you benefit if you
gain the whole world but are
yourself lost or destroyed?

Luke 9:25

...but whoever loses his life
for me will save it. Luke 9:24

III. Following Jesus
requires insight into
His mercy.



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Then (Ahaziah) sent an army captain with fifty soldiers to arrest him. They found him sitting on top of a hill. The captain said to him, "Man of God, the king has commanded you to come down with us." ¹⁰ But Elijah replied to the captain, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and destroy you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and killed them all. 2 Kings 1:9,10

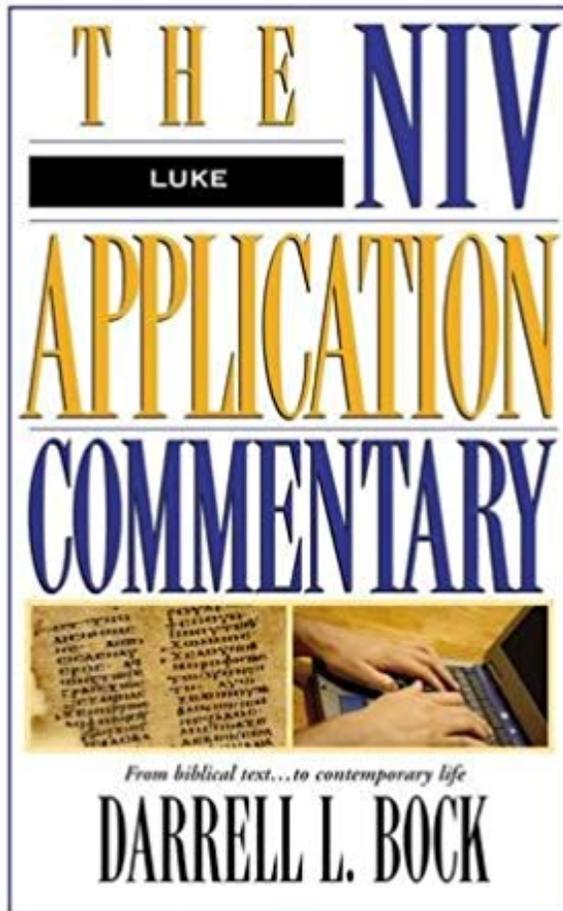
Once more the king sent a third captain with fifty men. But this time the captain went up the hill and fell to his knees before Elijah. He pleaded with him, "O man of God, please spare my life and the lives of these, your fifty servants.

2 Kings 1:13,14



"I have come to cast fire upon the earth;
and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I
have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed
I am until it is accomplished! Luke 12:49,50

"Baptism here in Luke 12 is a reference to [Jesus] approaching death. As later texts make clear, Jesus will engage in a great cleansing act, where he will identify with the sins of humanity and provide a basis for both saving and condemning by his experiencing God's judgment in their place. In the judgment he experiences, [Jesus] provides the opportunity for others to be spared.





For God made Christ, who never
sinned, to be the offering for our
sin, so that we could be made right
with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

There is salvation in no one else!
God has given no other name under
heaven by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:13

Jesus told (Thomas), "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ ... Ephesians 2:6,7

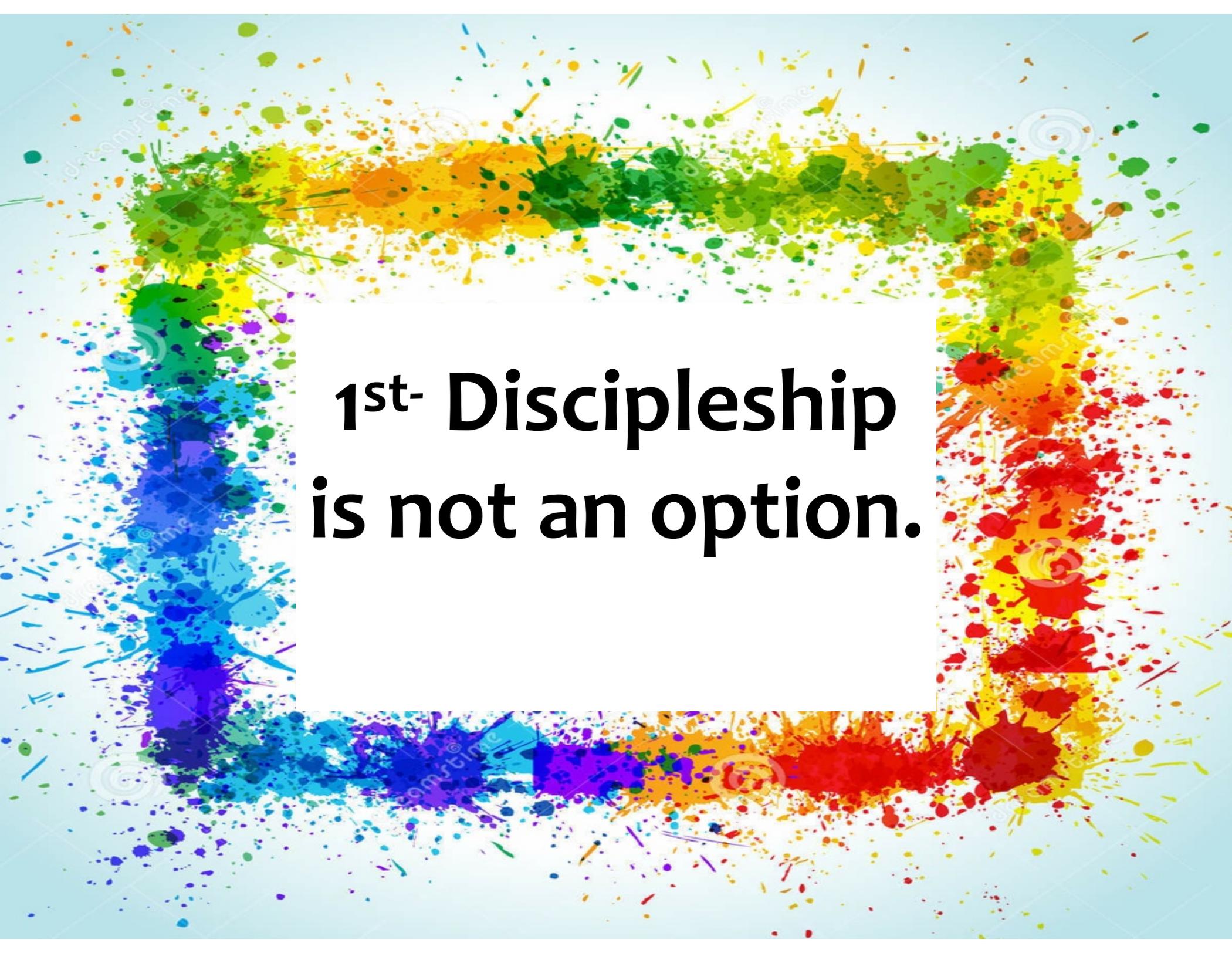
God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8,9

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**1st- Discipleship
is not an option.**



**2nd-Discipleship
is a journey.**

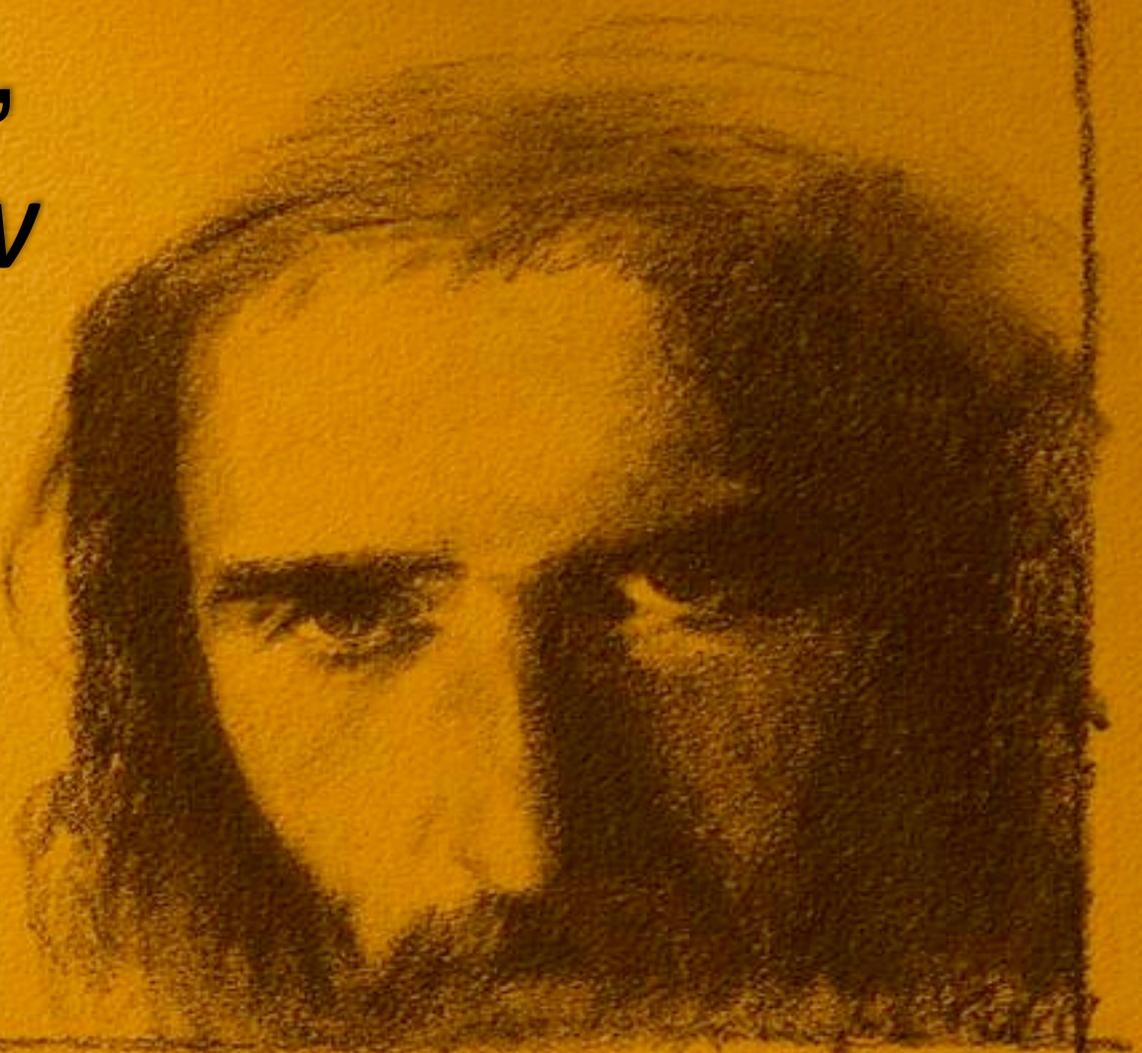
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him to be taken up to heaven,
Jesus resolutely set out for
Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

For he raised us from the dead along
with Christand seated us with
him in the heavenly realms because
we are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6, 7

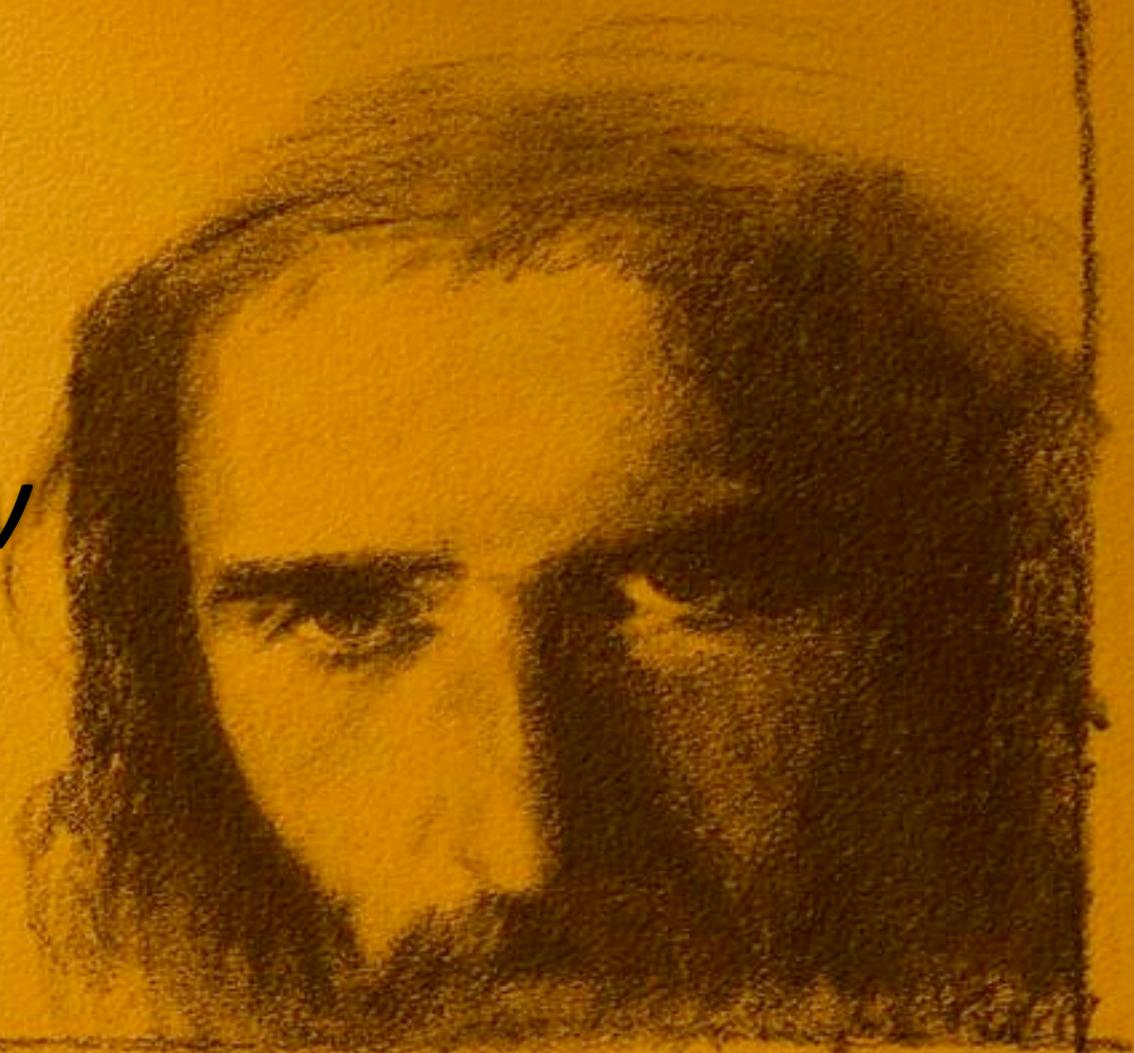


Jesus
doesn't say,
*"If you follow
me, I'll go to
the cross for
you."*



Jesus says,

*“I’m going to
the cross for
you, so follow
me.”*





**3rd- It's a proper
double-standard.**



