



The Cost to Follow Christ :: Afshin Ziafat

INTRODUCTION

While the three faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all converge around the person of Abraham, these three faiths diverge at the person of Jesus Christ. All three agree that Jesus was a man, and some even concede that he was a prophet. The belief of Jesus as Savior becomes the dividing point that separates faiths and families from one another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 16:13-16. How do people understand Jesus today? Who do you believe Jesus to be?
2. Read Matthew 16:21, 24-25. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 10:32-33. What keeps us from acknowledging God before men? Have there been times when you were ashamed of the fact that you're a Christian?
4. Read Matthew 10:34-36. How has following Jesus impacted your relationships with family and friends?
5. Read Matthew 10:37-39. Is there anything in your life that you elevate above God?
6. What has it cost you to follow God?

THINK ABOUT IT

Is there anything that stands in the way of you following Christ wholeheartedly?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Consider praying for Iran, the church that is growing there, and the Christians who pay a dear price for following Christ. Check out www.prayforiran.com.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24