



BECOMING LIKE

JESUS

*How would you describe*

*what it means to be a Christian?*

## LUKE 9:18–20

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” <sup>19</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” <sup>20</sup> But what

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about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”  
Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

# JESUS ASKS

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We all have to answer:  
“Who is Jesus?”

## THE QUESTION “WHO IS JESUS?” CREATED CONVERSATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF CULTURE.

- Friends lower paralyzed man through roof · Luke 5:21
- John the Baptist asks while in prison · Luke 7:20
- Jesus at dinner at Simon’s house · Luke 7:49
- Jesus calms the sea · Luke 8:25
- Herod asks · Luke 9:9
- Jesus asks who do the crowds say I am · Luke 9:18
- Jesus asks who do you say I am · Luke 9:20
- Additional: Luke 19:3; Acts 8:34, 9:3-5; Matthew 21:10

## LUKE 9:12–14

<sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “You give them something to

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eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.”<sup>14</sup> (About five thousand men were there.)

## CONSIDER THE DISCIPLES' EXPERIENCES UP TO THIS POINT. JESUS...

- called his first disciple · Luke 5:1-11
- healed a leper · Luke 5:12-15
- healed a paralyzed man · Luke 5:17-26
- taught · Luke 6 Sermon on the Plain
- raised a widow's son from the dead · Luke 7:11-17
- taught · Luke 8
- calmed a storm · Luke 8:22-25
- drove out demons · Luke 8:26-39
- raised Jairus' daughter from the dead · Luke 8:40-53
- sent the disciples out in ministry · Luke 9:1-6

*The disciples do not*

*truly know who Jesus is.*

## LUKE 9:21–22

<sup>21</sup> Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. <sup>22</sup> 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.”

JESUS EXPLAINS

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*There is always  
more to Jesus.*

Jesus has to redefine who

he is for his followers.

*My understanding of Jesus helps  
me become more like Jesus.*

*We must understand what it means*

*for Christ to be Lord.*

You don't have to understand

everything about Jesus to follow him.

## LUKE 23:42–43

<sup>42</sup> “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

## LUKE 9:23

<sup>23</sup> “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.’”

# JESUS CALLS

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*It costs everything  
to follow Jesus.*

*“When Christ calls,  
he bids, come and die.”*

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

## LUKE 9:24

<sup>24</sup> Jesus says, “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

# The economic costs of following Jesus.

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

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# The social costs of following Jesus.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

LUKE 9:26

*It's worth the cost.*

? How does my understanding of Jesus affect how I am becoming like Jesus?

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? How do I become more like Jesus?

