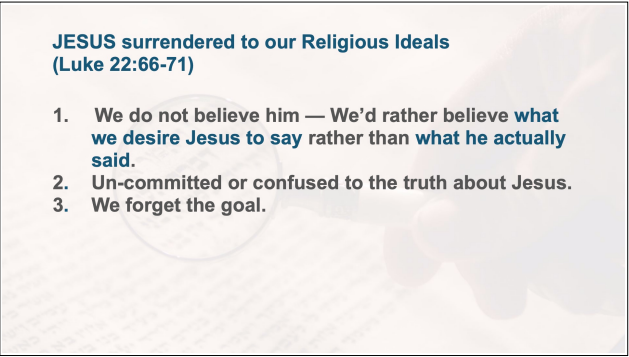


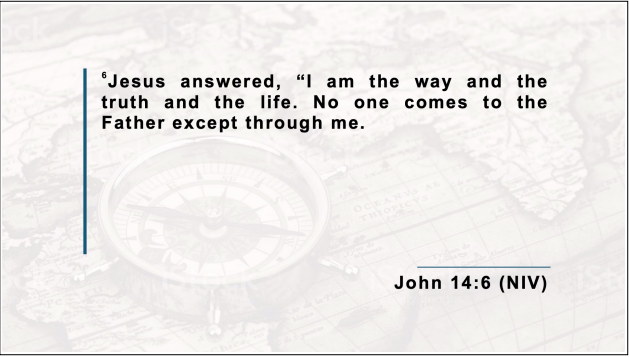


How do we surrender Jesus to our will?



JESUS surrendered to our Religious Ideals (Luke 22:66-71)

1. We do not believe him — We'd rather believe **what we desire Jesus to say** rather than **what he actually said**.
2. Un-committed or confused to the truth about Jesus.
3. We forget the goal.

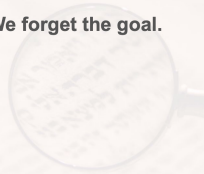


⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

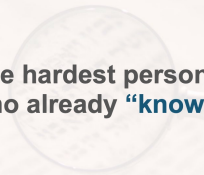
John 14:6 (NIV)

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(Luke 22:66-71)**

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**The hardest person to teach is someone
who already “knows what they’re doing.”**





**What is the goal
of a free throw?**

**What is the goal
of basketball?**

JESUS misrepresented (Luke 23:1-2)

1. **Misrepresenting Jesus' Words** — The convenient cultural ideal versus the biblical, accurate picture of Jesus.
2. **The true Jesus** threatens influence, money, and power.



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Every culture hears Jesus differently, but we also can't hear beyond what we want to hear.



**Jesus is an inconvenience to a
made up mind**



**JESUS surrendered to Power & Politics
(Luke 23:1-5)**

1. Pilate had no interest in Jesus or justice because it was not to his advantage.
2. If Jesus had been an actual political dissident, it could have helped Pilate's career to identify and squelch it before it happened.



**JESUS surrendered to Celebrities & Entertainment
(Luke 23:6-12)**

1. Herod was only interested in Jesus because of his fame.
2. He was interested in the caricature of Jesus that would make him happy and entertained.

JESUS surrendered to the People
(Luke 23:13-25)

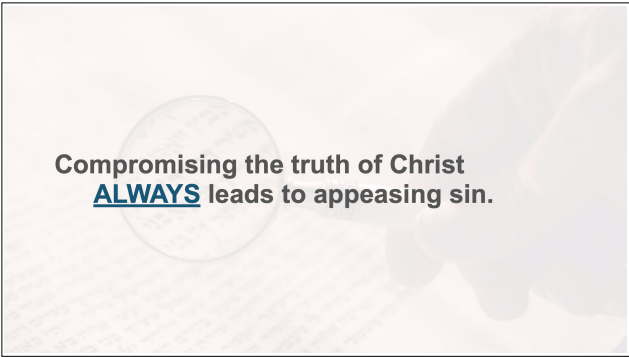
1. **Why did the People** choose their feelings, desires, beauty, what felt good, and their own interests, **over Jesus?**
2. **Transaction over Transformation**

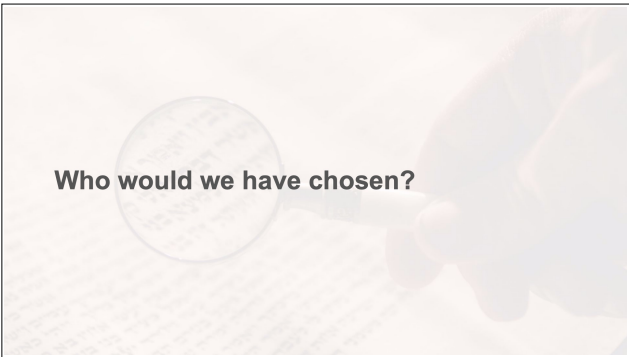
²²For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? **What crime has this man committed?** I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. **Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.**"

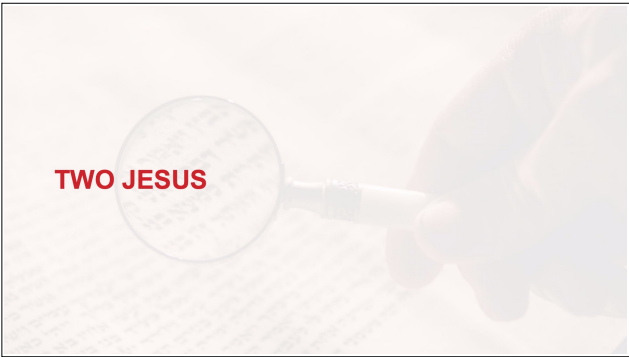
Luke 23:22-24 (NIV)

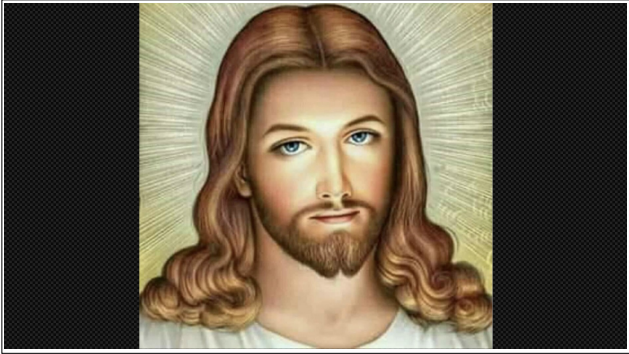
²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

Luke 23:22-24 (NIV)





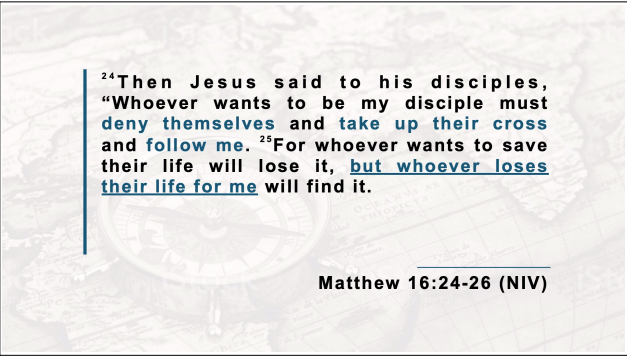






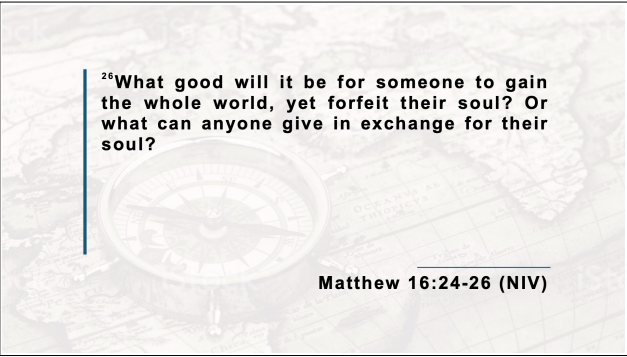
“We are inoculating the world with a mild form of Christianity, so that it is now practically immune against the real thing.”

— E. Stanley Jones
The Christ of the Indian Road,
“The Great Hindrance.”



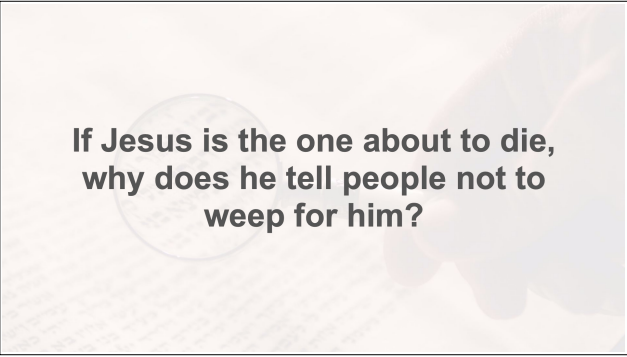
²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.** ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, **but whoever loses their life for me** will find it.

Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV)

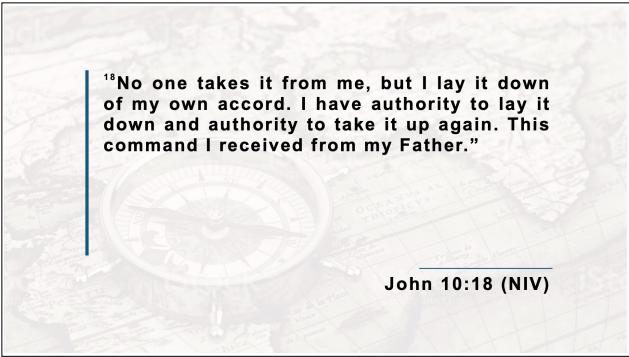


²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

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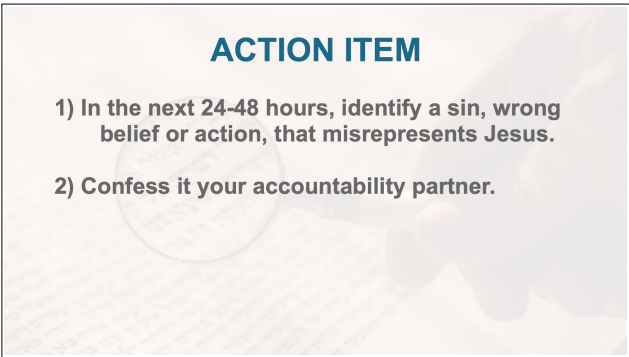


**If Jesus is the one about to die,
why does he tell people not to
weep for him?**



¹⁹No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 10:18 (NIV)



ACTION ITEM

- 1) In the next 24-48 hours, identify a sin, wrong belief or action, that misrepresents Jesus.**
- 2) Confess it your accountability partner.**
