

MATTHEW 16:24

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THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

A silhouette of a person stands on a hill, looking up at a bright sun or sunrise over a landscape of rolling hills. The person's arms are raised, and they appear to be holding a small object, possibly a phone or a camera, up to the light. The background is a warm, golden-orange sky with soft, hazy hills in the distance.

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“Then, Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”



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What will it cost a follower / disciple of Jesus to follow Him?



LUKE 14:25-33

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said:

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.



What will it cost a follower / disciple of Jesus to follow Him?



LUKE 14:25-33

28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,

30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’



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LUKE 14:25-33

31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?”

32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.



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LUKE 14:25-33

33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.



What will it cost a follower / disciple of Jesus to follow Him?



- You must forget about yourself by setting aside selfish interests.
- You must be willing to endure whatever may come.
- You must conform to His example in living, and if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of your faith in Christ.



What could prevent Christ's disciples from being fruitful?



JOHN 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.



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JOHN 15:1-8

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such



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branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



What could prevent Christ's disciples from being fruitful?



JOHN 15:1-8

- Lack of proper nourishment
- Insects and diseases
- Immature branches
- No gardener
- Being separated from the vine



As Jesus made it clear to His disciples, anyone who wishes to follow Him must give up his own way, take up his cross, and follow Christ.



Conclusion



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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