

The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to **abandon the attachments of this world**. It is that **dying of the old man** which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we **surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death**—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. *When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Luke 14 25:34

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Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile, it is thrown away.

Whoever has ears to listen let him hear.

Who is Jesus more like a?

Politician

Or

A skilled mountain guide



What is Jesus looking for?

Crowds



or

Disciples
Apprentices
Greek (Mathitis)



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Allegiance to Who?

Hate & Love in biblical terms meant allegiance or give one more value than other

Family & Tribe

Biblical times type of family
not an American/nuclear family

Self

Or Jesus



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1. Opposition: A cross was used to execute criminals who had the state of Rome in opposition to them.
2. Shame: This execution was reserved for the worst criminals, and the victim was usually naked on a cross for hours.
3. Suffering: This kind of execution was designed to prolong excruciating pain.
4. Death: The aim of crucifixion was death, not torture followed by release.

Be willing to be opposed, to be shamed, to suffer, and to die — all for your allegiance to him. to “take up your cross” meant to treasure Jesus more than we treasure human approval, honor, comfort, and life. Taking up our cross means Jesus has become more precious to us than approval, honor, comfort, and life.

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(If you have ears you should listen)