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Did Jesus Call Us to Die?! YES!

Die to Our WAY

- **Jesus Is the SAVIOR**

Luke 9:18, *Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" 19 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." 20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

- **Jesus Is the ONLY SOLUTION**

Luke 9:21, *Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. 22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."*

- **The Triumphal Entry: Jesus Models SUBMISSION**

Luke 19:28, *After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*

Die to Our DESIRES

- **Following Jesus Is COSTLY**

Luke 9:23, *Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my*

disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 14:27, *And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 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.'*

- **Following Jesus Is UNCOMFORTABLE**

Luke 9:57, *As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." 59 He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

- **The Triumphal Entry: Jesus Models HUMILITY**

Luke 19:29, *As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.*

- **Die to Our SELF-WORSHIP**

- **Jesus Is THE FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES**

Luke 9:27, *"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." 28 About eight days after*

Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

- **Jesus Is WORTHY**

Luke 9:34, *While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."*

- **The Triumphal Entry: Jesus Models HIS WORTHINESS**

Luke 19:36, *As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

Luke 19:39, *Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

Jesus Calls Us to Die So That WE MAY HAVE LIFE!

Luke 9:24, *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*