

THE REASON WE FOLLOW
A New Word – Part 6

ON TV: How and why we should **follow** Jesus?

ON TV: Why would anyone in the 21st century commit their lives to a first century rabbi?

ON TV: The credibility of Christianity rises and falls specifically on the identity of a single individual, **Jesus of Nazareth**.

ON TV: Does God exist?

ON TV: Is the Bible true?

ON TV: Are Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John **reliable accounts of actual events** about the life and teaching of Jesus Christ?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and servants of **the word**.”* Luke 1:1-2

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ON TV/OUTLINE: *“And Jesus said...”* Luke 23:34a

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ ...And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”* Luke 23:34b

ON TV: Jesus lost.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“No more of this!”* Luke 22:51a

ON TV: Most of us would rather just **believe** than **choose to follow**, because following Jesus will **cost** you and me something.

ON TV: Which one are **you**? Which one am **I**?

ON TV: Our actions only tell part of the story, but our **reactions** tell the whole story.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“If any one of you desires to come after me, he must deny himself and **take his cross daily** and follow me.”* Luke 9:23

ON TV: It meant that your **independence** had come to an **end**.

ON TV: I say **‘no’** to me and you say **‘no’** to you and that we **submit** to Christ and that **we literally follow**.

ON TV: Do you do that?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“24 For whoever wants to **save** their life will **lose** it, but whoever loses his life for me, will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self.”* Luke 9:24-25

ON TV: It’s an invitation to **give** what we **can’t keep** anyway.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “34a ...Father forgive them for they do not really know what they are doing. 35b ...and the rulers sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the chosen one. 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar, 37 and said, ‘If you’re the King of the Jews, save yourself. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him. ‘Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!’” Luke 22:34-37, 39

ON TV: What is the name of the **Emperor of Rome** on the day that Jesus was crucified?

ON TV: **Tiberius Caesar**

ON TV: **Who** are you going to follow? **What** are you going to follow? Who’s going to rule you? Who’s going to be the boss of you...the king of you? Who has the final say in your life?

ON TV: Admirer or Follower?

ON TV: He’s invited us to **follow**.

ON TV: Why should anyone outside of our faith take our faith seriously if we don’t?

ON TV: At the core of the Christian experience is a **daily decision to submit to our king**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “44 It was about the sixth hour and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.” Luke 22:44-45

ON TV/OUTLINE: “46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last. 48 When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. 49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him all the way from Galilee, stood at the distance watching these things.” Luke 23:46, 48-49

ON TV: Are you an **Admirer** or **Follower** of Jesus?