

WHERE IT BEGAN

Fearless – Part 1 of 3

KEY QUESTION: How should a Christ Follower **RESPOND** to anxiety and the things we worry about?

“15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged...” Mark 15:15

“28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him, ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said. 30 They spit on him and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.” Matthew 27:28-30

“39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads...40 Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God! 42 He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself!’” Matthew 27:39-40, 42

KEY OBSERVATION #1: Jesus wasn’t captured trying to **FLEE** his enemies.

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Our Savior was bold and **FEARLESS**.

KEY TRUTH #1: His invitation to us: **FOLLOW ME**.

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me daily.” Luke 9:23

“28 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

“26 He replied, ‘You of little faith, why are you so afraid?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, ‘What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!’” Matthew 8:26-27

KEY TRUTH #2: Jesus point was this: If you are going to afraid, **FEAR** God! And in the meantime, follow me!

KEY TAKE-A-WAYS:

1. Uncertainty is for **CERTAIN**.
2. Living in fear is **OPTIONAL**.
3. To follow Jesus is to **REFUSE** to be controlled, influenced or intimidated by **FEAR**.

QUESTIONS:

- Is our version of Christianity **WORTH** all that?
- Is our version of Christianity worth **DYING** for?
- Is the way we live worth the **PRICE** they paid?