

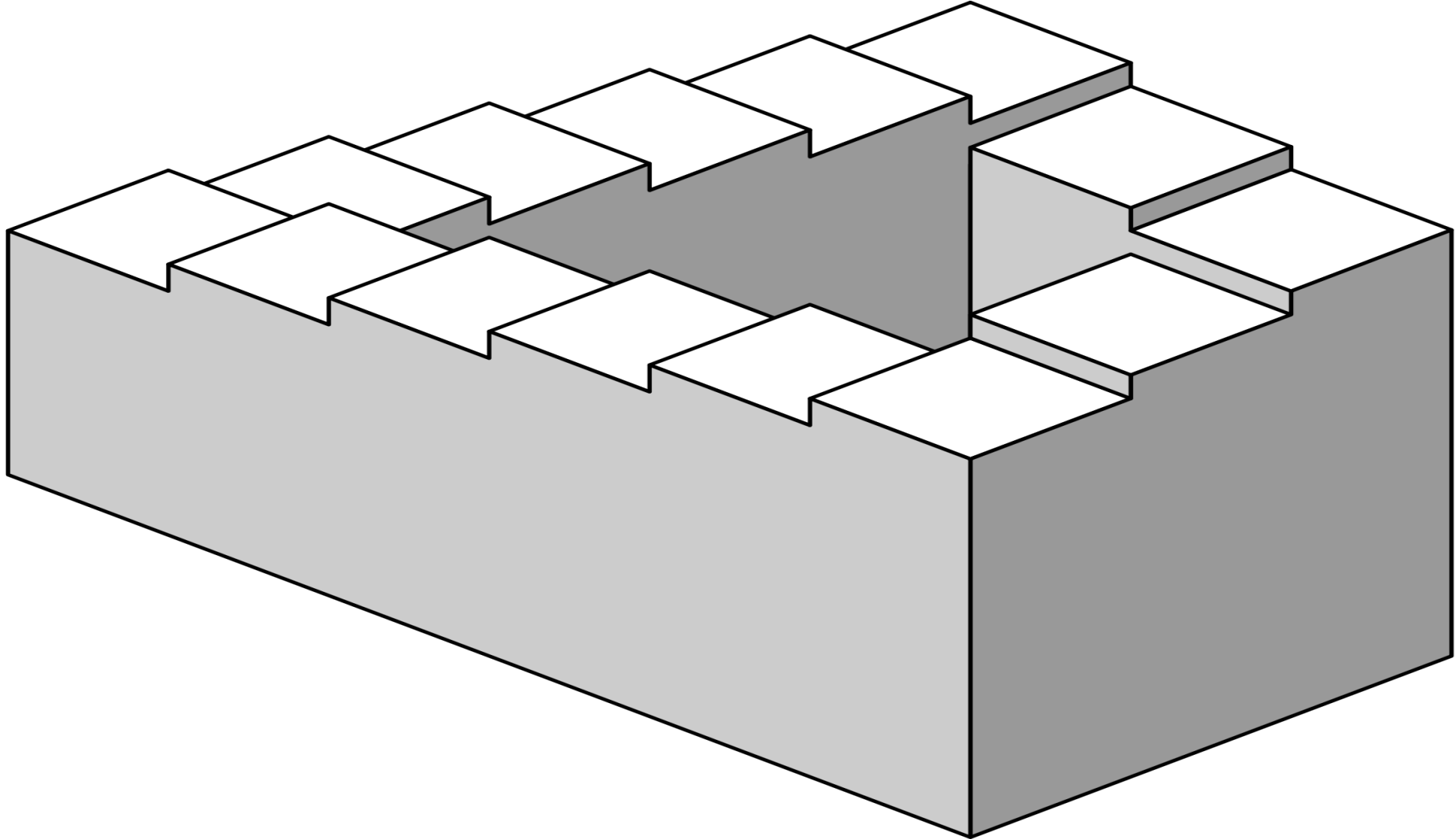
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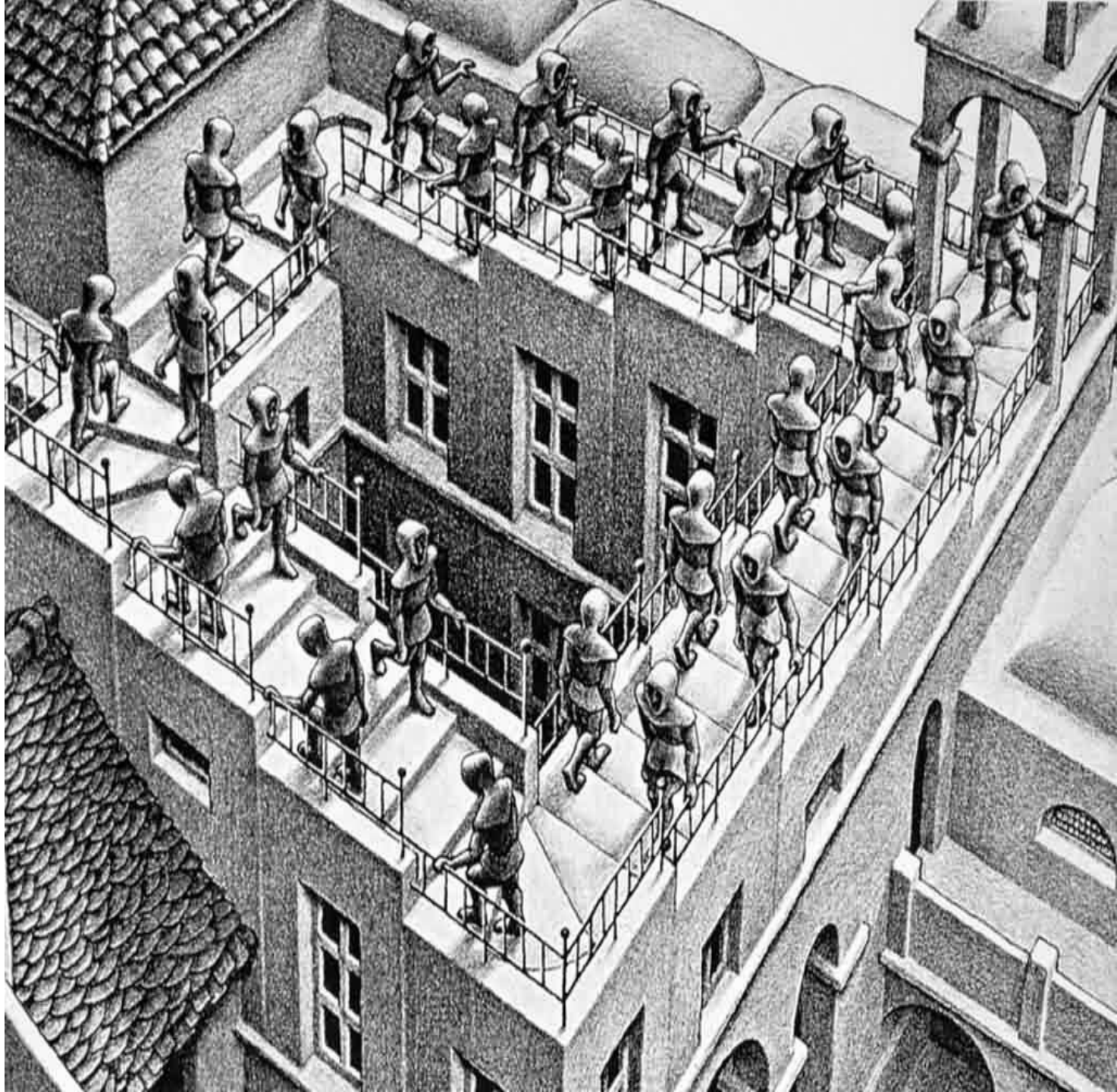
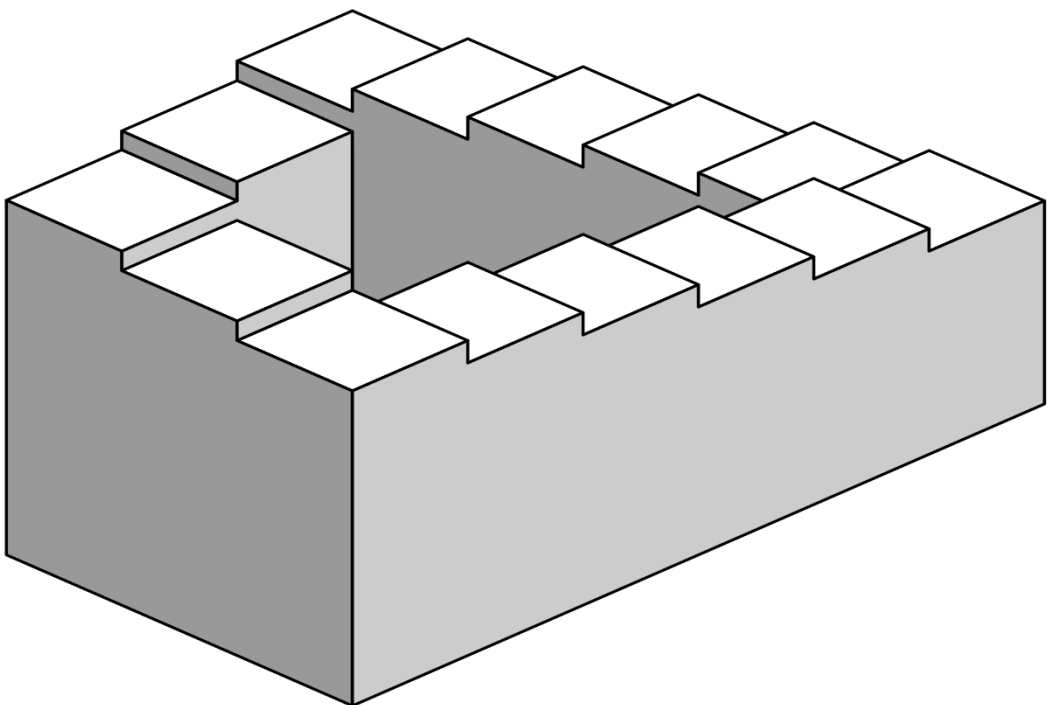
Why are we called to follow Jesus?

Matthew 28:16–20

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Matthew 28:16–18

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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Matthew 10:5–7

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,
“Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Deuteronomy 9:5

Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but **because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you,** and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deuteronomy 7:6–8a

For you are **a people holy to the LORD your God.**
The LORD your God **has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession,** out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is **because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath** that he swore to your fathers

Isaiah 55:8–9

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Matthew 23:2–4 & 11-12

The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so **do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do.** For they preach, but do not practice.

They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are **not willing to move them with their finger....**

The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and **whoever humbles himself will be exalted.**

Jesus displaces Israel because...

**they saw themselves as more important than
God's plan**

Jesus calls us to obedience so...

we can step out of *our* place of security in faith

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And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 4:19–22

And he said to them, “**Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 16:24–26

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man **if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?** Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Matthew 23:25–26

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate,
but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup
and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Jesus displaces Israel because...

they were hypocrites trying to satisfy God with the appearance of righteousness

Jesus calls us to obedience so...

we may radically respond by living a new life dependent upon Christ

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And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, **to the end of the age.**”

Matthew 20:23 & 26–28

He said to them, “**You will drink my cup**, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.... But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever **would be first among you must be your slave**, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 23:23–24

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Jesus displaces Israel because...

**they were satisfied with half-hearted obedience,
stopping short of real commitment**

Jesus calls us to obedience so...

**we may radically respond by loving Jesus
whole-heartedly and serving Him persistently
to the end**

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Acts 1:4–5 & 8

He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.... But you **will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Matthew 12:31–32

Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but **whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

Jesus calls us today...

- **Follow where my Spirit leads**
- **Be radically changed and agents of radical change**
- **Persist in mirroring obedience of faith**
- **Know the presence of Jesus as comfort and guide**