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Herod the tetrarch heard about everything that was going on. He was perplexed, because some said that John had been raised from the dead, some that Elijah had appeared, and others that one of the ancient prophets had risen. "I beheaded John," Herod said, "but who is this I hear such things about?" And he wanted to see him.

Luke 9:7-9 CSB

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Messiah = Christ

Christ is a title, not a last name

Christ refers to the King from the line of David who will sit on the throne forever

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But he strictly warned and instructed them to tell this to no one, saying, “It is necessary that the Son of Man suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day.”

Luke 9:20-22 CSB

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Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to **follow** after me, let him:
deny himself,
take up his cross daily,
and **follow** me.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:23-27 CSB

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To **deny** yourself is a righteous recognition of your unrighteousness

- This is recognizing you are poor, hungry, and weeping (Luke 6:20-26)
- Example: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

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To **take up** your cross is you leaving behind all earthly allegiances

- The disciples would have been very familiar with crucifixion
- **Taking up** your cross was the statement of a failed kingdom in the world
- *His taking up* the cross was the means of absolute victory for the kingdom of God

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Luke 9:24-26 CSB

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To **follow** Jesus is you seeing the gains of this world as loss compared to the glory of the Son of Man

- The Son of Man (Messiah) will be seated on a throne at the right hand of the Father forever (Daniel 7)
- Following Jesus means confidently living as if His kingdom has come despite what we see in this world

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Deny yourself – *Righteously recognize your unrighteousness*

Take up your cross - *Leave behind your earthly allegiances*

Follow Jesus – *See the gains of this world as loss compared to the glory of the Son of Man*

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