

Why We Need The Cross Almost Right About Jesus



Mark 8:27-38

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We want a Jesus who _____, not one who _____ for _____

A Christ without a _____ is a _____

The cross was not an _____; it was the _____

We don't just need a _____, we need a _____

Following _____ means _____ too

Trying to _____ your _____ is how you _____ it

Christianity is not _____, it is _____

Questions to think about ...

1. Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" How would you answer that today in your own words?
2. Peter got Jesus' identity right but misunderstood His mission. Where do you think people today (including yourself) tend to get Jesus "almost right"?
3. We often want a Jesus who helps us, but not one who calls us to die. What's a version of Jesus people are most comfortable with today? Where do you see that in your own life?
4. Think about the difference between needing help and needing rescue. Which one is harder for you to admit, and why?
5. Jesus didn't just die; He died *for you*. What reactions come up when you really think about that personally?
6. What does "denying yourself" look like in real, everyday life (relationships, decisions, priorities)?
7. Jesus says trying to save your life is how you lose it. Where are you most tempted to hold on to control instead of surrendering to Him?
8. What would it look like for you to take one step toward surrendering this week?