

# JESUS

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# **The Cost of Discipleship**

**There is a cost to living faithfully  
to God.**

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**Mark 6:6b**

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**And he went about among the villages teaching.**

**<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ...**



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**<sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.**

**<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.**



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**<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."  
<sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."**

**<sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."  
<sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not,  
<sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.**

**21**But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. **22**For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." **23**And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." **24**And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ...

**<sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”**

**<sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.**

**If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**

John 15:19

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**Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.**

Philippians 3:8



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**During this time of reflection:**

**Has God been calling me to  
pay a cost that I have been  
resisting to pay?**

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