

Missing Supper
Luke 14:25-35
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What did Jesus actually teach?

- 1) Jesus made clear statements about being a disciple v.25-27
 - a. Give Jesus first place above all other **relationships**. V.26
 - b. Give Jesus first place **before self**. V.27
 - i. The message of the Cross is not one of **self-actualization**.
 - ii. Cross carrying meant **death to self**.
 - iii. Following (come after). You can't follow another, **follow your dreams** or follow the world and follow Jesus at the same time.
 - c. Give Jesus first place **before possessions**. V.33

- 2) Jesus gave clear illustrations about discipleship (v28-32).
 - a. Make no hasty **emotional** decision (v.28-30).
 - i. Builders must set down and consider if they can **finish what they start**.
 - ii. Believers do not merely begin to follow and **fail to finish**.
 - b. Make no superficial **uninformed** decision (v.31-32)

- 3) Jesus gave a clear warning about **nominal** Christianity. We are called to follow Jesus not only for the benefit he offers of
 - a. Halfhearted discipleship and **distracted** disciples are like worthless salt.
 - b. Halfhearted disciples do **more harm** than good.
 - c. Halfhearted disciples are like salt that is thrown out or is thrown on the road to be **trampled** by men. Matt 5:13

No one has to "Miss Supper". Yet we must respond to the invitation.