

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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As we go through the many weeks and months that are left in this church year, we will learn many things that Jesus said and did. He showed what God is like, what God's new Kingdom is like, what the Messiah came to do, and how we can follow the Messiah and be part of God's Kingdom.

Following the Messiah and being part of God's Kingdom means being full of joy, because that Kingdom is full of life and peace and love. But it is not always easy. Being the Messiah was not easy for Jesus, and he does not promise his friends that things will be easy for them either!

FOLLOWING THE MESSIAH

Matthew 10:24-39

JESUS WAS TELLING HIS FRIENDS WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO COME WITH HIM!

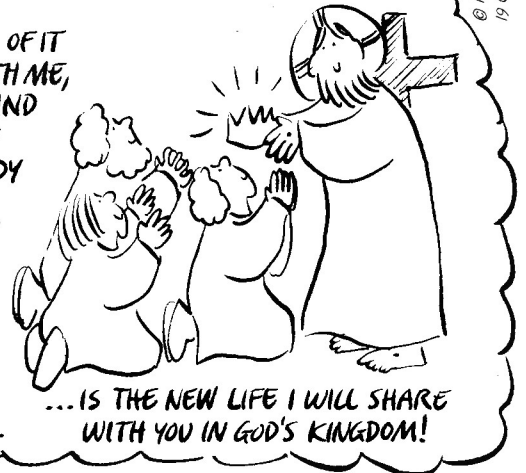


YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT THE MESSIAH DOES ... YOU HAVE TO PICK UP YOUR (MATTHEW 10:38) AND FOLLOW ME!



IF YOU TRY TO HANG ONTO YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL LOSE IT!

IF YOU LET GO OF IT AND COME WITH ME, YOU WILL FIND NEW LIFE THAT NOBODY CAN TAKE AWAY FROM YOU! THE ONLY THING THAT REALLY MATTERS ...



We can't be in God's Kingdom and do God's work just by wanting to. We need God's help, to save us and strengthen us!

PSALM 69:10
"People who don't care about God make fun of me because I love God"

JEREMIAH 20:8
"People laugh at me for being God's servant, but God is with me to make me strong"

ROMANS 6:3-11
"In baptism we share Christ's death; afterwards our life must be Christ's new life in us"