

Why Do People Stop Walking with Jesus?

(John 6:66)

The verse above has to be one of the most disturbing verses in the Bible. Can you ever imagine doing what thousands of people did on this occasion? Can you ever imagine making the choice to no longer walk with Jesus?

Unfortunately, this happens with Christians far too often. Why does it happen?

I. His Teaching

- A. They feel it is too **demanding**.
 - 1. This is at the core of why thousands of people stopped following Jesus in John 6:66.
 - 2. After miraculously feeding the people, the next day Jesus challenged them to understand that following Him required commitment (John 6:26-35, 47-58).
 - 3. Many of the people who heard His sermon did not like that message (John 6:66-68). But the Lord didn't compromise or water down His message!
- B. What are we going to do when we are challenged by the teaching of Jesus?
 - 1. What are we going to do when it requires that we do some very hard things (Matthew 5:43-44; 7:12; 18:21-35; 19:9)?
 - 2. What are we going to do if what Jesus tells us to do goes against something that we have always believed to be true (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)?
 - 3. Unfortunately, for many people they stop walking with Jesus.

II. Worldliness

- A. They loved the **world** more than they loved Jesus.
 - 1. We are warned about this all throughout the gospel (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 2 Timothy 4:10).
 - 2. This is a pitfall that every disciple can fall into!
- B. We can find ourselves...
 - 1. Putting our jobs before God.
 - 2. Putting secular education before God.
 - 3. Putting earthly relationships before God.
- C. We have to always be on guard against this!

III. Pride

- A. They refused to acknowledge just how much they needed **Jesus**.
 - 1. This was why the scribes and the Pharisees rejected Jesus (John 9:35-41).
 - 2. They were never willing to humble themselves and acknowledge Jesus.
- B. What about us?
 - 1. Will we understand the same thing that Peter acknowledged (John 6:67-69)?
 - 2. Will we acknowledge that Jesus is the **ONLY** way to heaven?

Conclusion: Without Jesus, you have **no where** to go.