

Quitting Christianity Part 4: "Quit Being Such a Baby"

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THE EASIEST WAY TO LIVE LIKE JESUS LIVED IS TO...

1. ...QUIT MAKING _____ MORE COMPLICATED THAN _____

"Everyone who heard Jesus was very surprised. <u>He understood so many things and</u> <u>he could answer difficult questions</u>. When his parents saw him there, they were also very surprised. His mother said to him, 'My son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have looked everywhere for you. <u>We have had</u> <u>a lot of troubles in our mind</u>.' Jesus answered them, 'You should not have needed to look for me. I <u>must be doing what my Father wants me</u> <u>to do</u>. You should have known that.' But his parents did not understand what he was saying to them."

Luke 2:47-50 (EASY)

"Jesus traveled to Nazareth, where he had grown up. On the Sabbath day <u>he went to the</u> <u>synagogue, as he always did</u>, and stood up to read. The book of Isaiah the prophet was given to him. He opened the book and <u>found the</u> <u>place where this is written</u>: 'The Lord has put his Spirit in me, because he appointed me to <u>tell the Good News to the poor</u>. He has sent me to <u>tell the captives they are free and to tell</u> <u>the blind that they can see</u> again. God sent me to <u>free those who have been treated unfairly</u> and to <u>announce the time when the Lord will</u> <u>show his kindness</u>.' Jesus closed the book, gave it back to the assistant, and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue was watching Jesus closely. He began to say to them, 'While you heard these words just now, they were coming true!'"

Luke 4:16-21 (NCV)

"I, the Son of Man, came to <u>look for people</u> who are far away from God. They are in danger and I have come to <u>save them</u>." Luke 19:10 (EASY)

"Jesus heard about it and spoke up, 'Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? <u>I'm</u> <u>here inviting outsiders</u>, not insiders—an <u>invitation to a changed life</u>, changed inside and out.""

Luke 5:31-32 (MSG)

2. ...QUIT GETTING _____ BY THINGS.

"The devil, taking Him up onto a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You <u>all this power</u> and their <u>glory</u>, for it has been delivered to me. And I give it to whomever I will. If You, then, will worship me, <u>all will be Yours</u>.' And Jesus answered him, 'Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.'"

Luke 4:5-8 (MEV)

"From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to <u>reprimand him</u> for saying such things. <u>'Heaven forbid, Lord</u>,' he said. <u>'This will never happen to you!</u>' Jesus turned to Peter and said, 'Get away from me, Satan! <u>You are a dangerous trap to me</u>. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.""

Matthew 16:21-23 (NLT)

3. ...QUIT BUILDING GOD'S _____. WITH _____.

"So Jesus called the disciples together. Jesus: Do you want the Kingdom run like the Romans run their kingdom? Their rulers have great power over the people, but God the Father doesn't play by the Romans' rules. This is the Kingdom's logic: whoever wants to become great must first <u>make himself a</u> <u>servant</u>; whoever wants to be first <u>must bind</u> <u>himself as a slave</u>_just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but <u>to serve and to give</u> <u>His life</u> as the <u>ransom for many</u>."

Matthew 20:25-28 (TVB)

"Jesus said, <u>'My kingdom does not belong to</u> <u>this world</u>. If it did, my disciples would have fought for me. They would have fought so that the Jewish leaders could not take hold of me. No, my kingdom belongs to another place.' Pilate said to him, 'So that means you really are a king!' Jesus answered, 'You have said that I am a king! <u>I was born for this</u> <u>reason</u>: I came into the world <u>to tell people the</u> <u>truth about God</u>. Everyone who believes the truth listens to my message.'"

John 18:36-37 (EASY)

"That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger!' Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others-the armies of heaven-praising God: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,' they sang, 'and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

Luke 2:8-14 (TLB)