

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Jesus always finds a better way. Forget what you think you know about him. Let's get to know the real Jesus.  
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If your view of Jesus is inadequate or inaccurate, then your view of who he wants you to become will be off target too.

Someday when Jesus summarizes your life, what will he say? Will he say you steered souls toward him and his message?

Companionship creates faith.

When the Holy Spirit in us touches other broken, desecrated persons through us, they become sacred again too.

The Hound of Heaven hunts for broken people whom he can perfect in love.

What if thinking and living as Jesus did were easy and natural for you?

Mark 8:27-34 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">27</font></small> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" <small><font color="#999999">28</font></small> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <small><font color="#999999">29</font></small> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." <small><font color="#999999">30</font></small> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <small><font color="#999999">31</font></small> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <small><font color="#999999">32</font></small> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <small><font color="#999999">33</font></small> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <small><font color="#999999">34</font></small> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.8.27-34.NIV>

We can walk with Jesus for years without ever learning to think his thoughts.

We can recognize Jesus's identity as the Messiah without acknowledging his authority as our King.

Sermon in a Sentence

As one of Jesus's disciples, I must declare and demonstrate that he is MY KING.

What are our first steps?

- Sidestep the snare of supposing somebody else needs to hear this sermon. Since you and I are still breathing, we still need to learn to think and act more like Jesus.
- "Take up your cross daily." Realize that your desire to tell Jesus what to do must die - moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day.