



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

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LIFE.

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²⁰ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

Luke 9:21-23 (NIV)

²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:24-26 (NIV)

²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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Why would Jesus order them not to
tell anyone?

Scholars have two possible options

Premature opposition
The wrong type of success

Wrong type of success

“If Jesus accepts such a role and manages to become king without the suffering on the cross, he will have succumbed to the very temptations that he earlier resisted in the desert. His way will not really be a new way, but a mere continuation of the old.”

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What does it mean to deny yourself?

What does it mean to pick up your
Cross daily?



*A path of
meaningful
self-denial.*

Philippians 1:20-21(NIV)

20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.



*A path of
solidarity and
shared
suffering with
the body of
believers.*

Romans 12:15 (NIV)

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.



*A path of
opposing ALL
evil.*

1Thessalonians 5:22 (NIV)

22 reject every kind of evil.

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New Covenant

Jesus is the Standard

Serving not Being Served

Self-Denial not Self-Indulgence

Sacrifice not Worldly Abundance

Relationship not Religion

Grace not Law

Galatians 2:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”