

Today's Theme  
Practical ideas on:  
**Why Many Don't Follow**  
Series Title  
**"Making Much of Jesus"**  
Part 9 Mat 29, 2022

**Why so *hard* to get others to *follow* Jesus?  
Trying to make *sense* of our *reality*.**

**1. Jesus was a very *different* kind of leader.**

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

- (1) Jesus is *one* of a *kind*.
- (2) Some *fear* that Jesus is too *good* to be *true*.

**2. Jesus & His *message* has been *stolen*.**

Luke 11:52 "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

John 5:39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

- (1) Stolen by different *religions* & *political* systems.
- (2) Some *use* Jesus to gain *credibility*.
- (3) Church can love *doctrine* over *relationship*.

**3. The belief that: "I don't *know* enough".**

1Cor 1:19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

- (1) Knowledge can be *worshiped* in our world.
- (2) Some *think* MD is about *transferring* Knowledge.
- (3) *Intellect* can't make a follower *relationship* does.

**4. The belief that: "I'm *not* good enough".**

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

- (1) I've got to be *better* to *believe*.
- (2) I'm not *worthy* of this Jesus you *talk* about.
- (3) Jesus isn't looking for *high* level *performance*.

**5. The *missing* of His *name*: Jesus.**

Acts 9:4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

Luke 1:31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

- (1) It's easier to say *Christ*, *Lord* or *God*.
- (2) When we *know* Him personally we *use* His Name.
- (3) *Think* back to Paul's dramatic *encounter*.