## "You Cannot Be My Disciple"

## What Have You Renounced In Order To Follow After Christ?

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus does not *need* us. Apparently as he journeyed toward Jerusalem, it became "the thing" to follow the Master. At the height of his ministry, Jesus was now popular. Though the storm clouds of unbelief and persecution were gathering, it didn't *yet* cost very much to transfer your ultimate loyalty from your self/family/traditions/nation, onto your new Master. But Jesus knew all too well the lurking danger of "easy believism" (see John 6:66). So he taught a challenging, sober message to these crowds about what Christianity *costs*.

I. The	actions of	and	(v 25-26)		
1. The important	t of Jes	sus' teaching:	"you cannot be	e my disciple"	times.
2. Jesus is pressi	ng us to	the	of being his _	·	
3. Does affection	n for a	nd	seem as	_ beside your l	love for Christ?
II. The	service of	<del>-</del>	(v 27)		
	cross! Jesus				
2. In his	the	Father has giv	en each of us _		to bear.
3. Are you	God a	and bearing th	ne §	granted by you	r Master?
III. The kind of _ 1. The cost of _	that			k bring	
2. Two concrete	illustrations chal	lenge us:	construct	ion and war _	·
3. The promise l	keeping God will		us, so we mus	st (and will)	·
IV. Are you	for	or stanc	ling with the _		? (v 32-33)
1. It seems there	is	in Jesus'	statement. But	v	vith it.
2. Connect with	the	around the _	, and	behold true _	·
3. Relinquish yo	ur to	o ownership,	and	Christ abov	ve all.