

CAN YOU TAKE IT?

Mk: 10:38 - Read vs. 35-45

Mt. 20:22 - "are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

Mt. 9:19-22 - "master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." Lk. 9:57-62

I. There are certain people Jesus can't use and doesn't want to jump on his band wagon.

A. It is often so easy to say in a christian conference "Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest."

B. If you aren't really willing to pay the price + go through then you haven't got what it takes to serve Jesus.

C. If you follow Jesus you may not have a place to lay your head. v. 53

D. If you follow Jesus you will have to forsake father & mother & family.

E. If you start out and then look backward you aren't fit for the kingdom.

F. The price of following Christ is denying yourself, taking up your cross daily + following along with him.

Luke 9:23

- II. Thank God for those who were willing to pay the price & could take it.
- A. Adoniram Judson spent more time in prison in Burma than in ministering outside.
 - B. David Livingstone longed to be able to spend more time playing with his children.
 - C. John Willfinger voluntarily gave his life rather than have his Christian brethren decide & lie to the Jap conquerors.
 - D. Could you take what the Palestinian believers have had to take?
 - 1. Weiner shot & dug through the city.
 - 2. Gouli run out of his village in T.I.
 - 3. St Martha threatened in Berea.
 - 4. Veteran missionaries trembling with nerves shattered, and return home broken in health.
 - E. Can you take it when you are thousands of miles away from loved ones for years at the time, studying & working hard, in oppressive climates, amidst deadly diseases, far away from medical aid, when natives resent and persecute you?
 - ✓ 7. Can you take what Jesus took?
 - 1. Tempted in the wilderness
 - 2. Hill of Precipitation in Nazareth.
 - 3. Hated by those he loved & loved (the Sadarens)
 - 4. suffering at Calvary - (See Phil. 3:10)

Conclusion: "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I shall be baptized with?"