

Do You Think I
Came to Bring
Peace on the
Earth?

Matthew 10:32-39

Luke 12:49-53

- Isaiah 9:6 - He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**.
- Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest heaven, and **peace on earth to people he favors!**
- John 16:33 - I have told you these things so that **in me you may have peace**.
- Acts 10:36 - He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming **the good news of peace through Jesus Christ...**
- Rom. 5:1 - we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**.
- Gal. 5:22 - **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...**
- Eph. 2:14 - **For he is our peace...**
- Col. 3:15 - And **let the peace of Christ...rule your hearts**.
- 2 Thess. 3:16 - **May the Lord of peace himself give you peace** always in every way.

“I came to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already set ablaze! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how it consumes me until it is finished! ⁵¹ **Do you think that I came here to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.** ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

- Luke 12:49-53

“Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ **Don't assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.** ³⁵ For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.

- Matthew 10:32-36

Jesus did not come to
cause division.

He knew His presence
would create division.

“The design of the gospel...is to unite the children of men to one another, to knit them together in holy love, and, *if all would receive it*, this would be the effect of it; but there being multitudes that not only will not receive it, but oppose it, and are enraged at those that do receive it, it proves, though not the *cause* it is the *occasion of division*.”

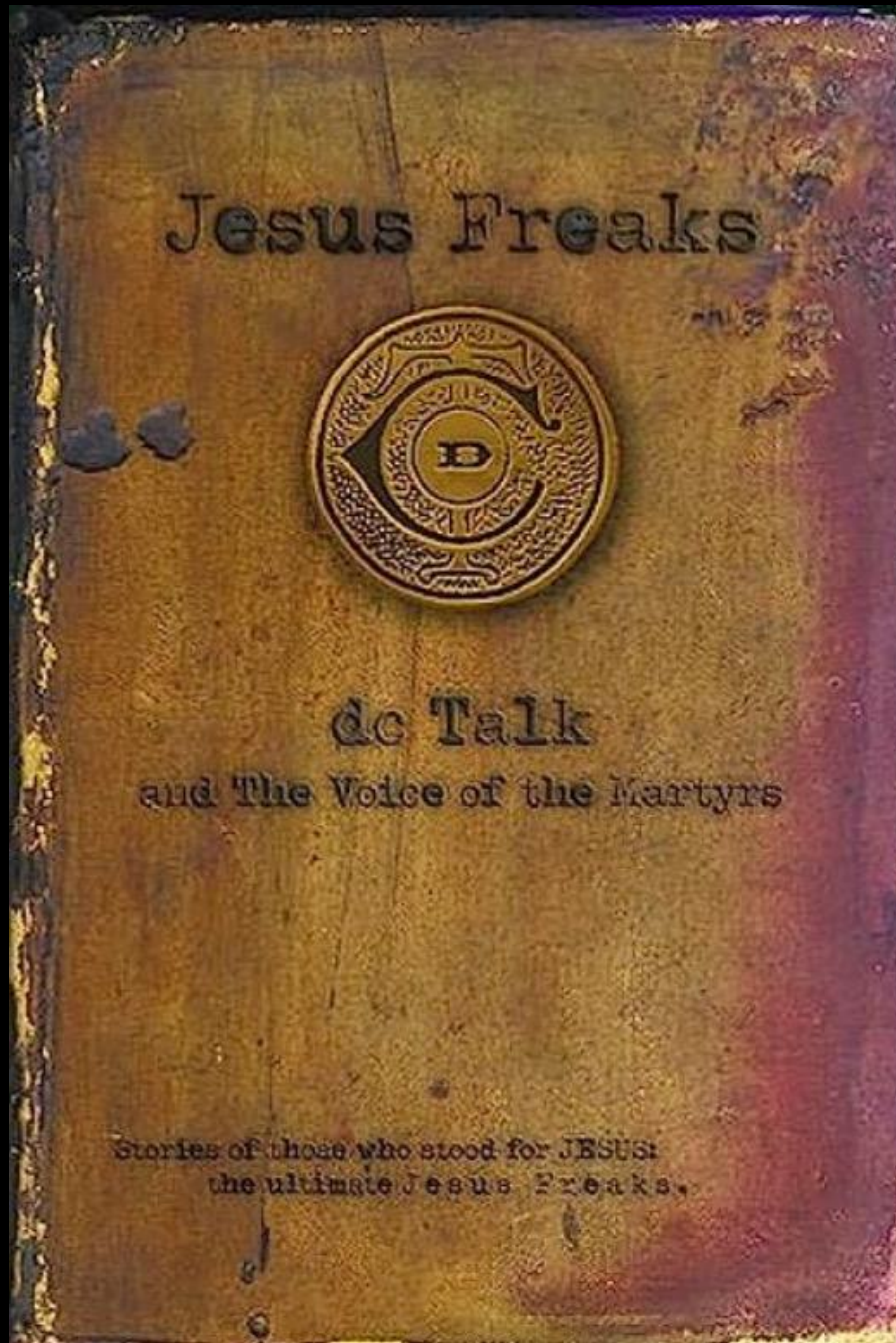
Jesus Christ is the
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“Three-quarters of millennials (and 67 percent of the religious Nones overall) now say they agree with the statement ‘**Whatever is right for your life or works best for you is the only truth you can know,**’ compared with just 39 percent of the elderly, and 47 percent of practicing Christians of all ages. Among the most common sayings I heard among the people I interviewed was, ‘**I make my own religion.**’”

-Strange Rites, Burton

“When God confronts us in the person of Christ it is not by a law or philosophy from which we can select parts which we accept and reject others. **When confronted with a Person we must either accept or reject Him.**”

Jesus completely flips on its head our notions about who to be **most loyal to**, who to put as **first priority**, who is our **primary love**.



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- Matthew 7:13-14 - How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.
- Matthew 19:24 – It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.
- Matthew 16:25 – Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
- John 16:33 – You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.
- Matthew 10:37-39 – The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it.
- John 15:18-21 – If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

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Does Jesus
presence create
division in your life?

If not, we might
need to ask why.

There burns a fire with sacred heat; White
hot with holy flame; And all who dare pass
through its blaze; Will not emerge the same;
The Refiner's fire; Has now become my sole
desire; Purged and cleansed and purified;
That the Lord be glorified; He is consuming
my soul; Refining me, making me whole; No
matter what I may lose; I choose the
Refiner's fire.

-Refiner's Fire, Steve Green

It's easy to say it.

It's a whole lot
harder to live it out.

For me, it's...

Tiredness

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**Comfortability
and
Convenience**

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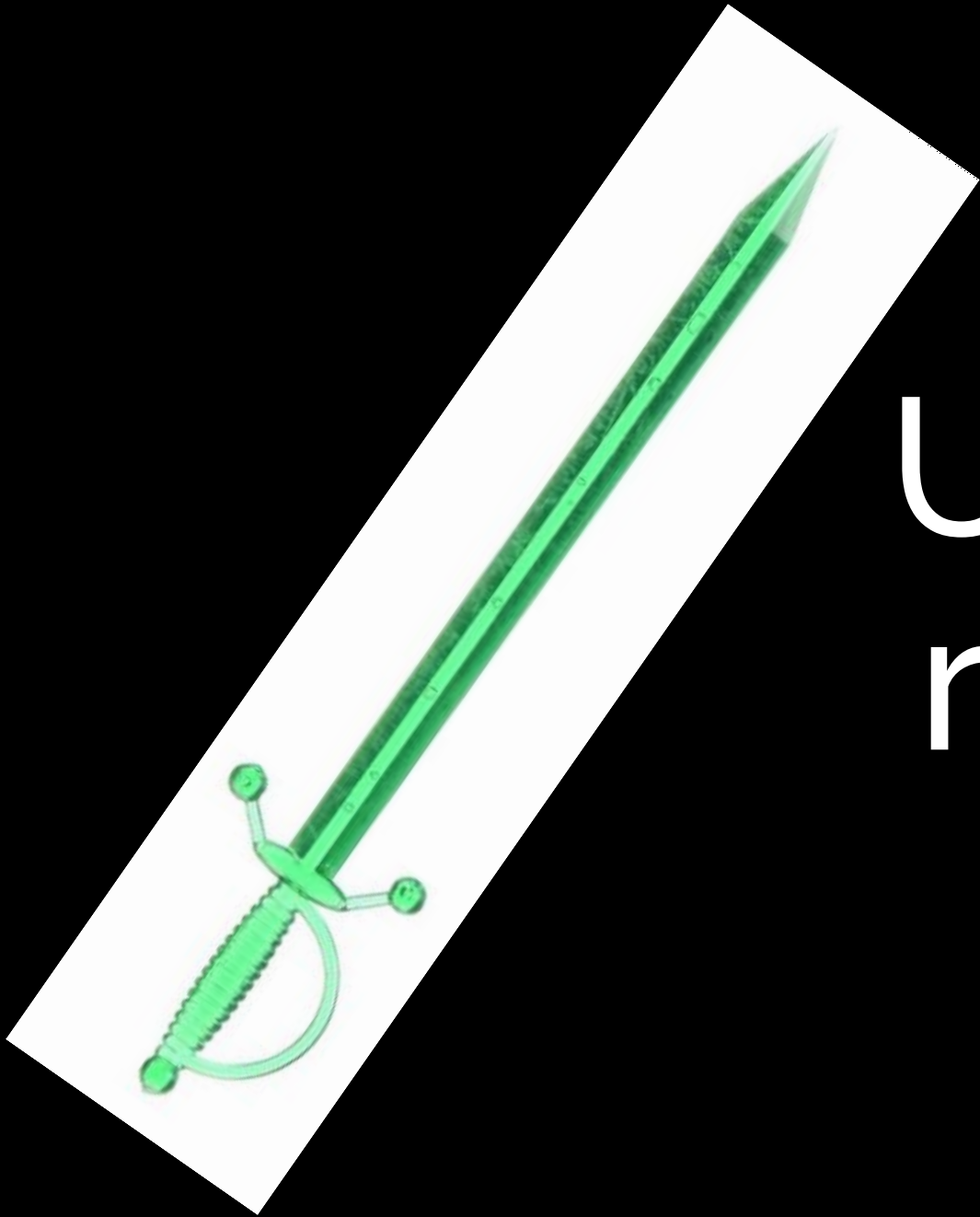
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It will cost you
something.



Use it as a
reminder.