

WE MIGHT BE CRAZY, BUT **YOU SHOULD BE COMMITTED!**

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Part 1: *Committed to a Person – Jesus!*

- A) What is commitment?
- 1) The ongoing investment of our _____, _____ and _____
 - 2) We commit to what we experience as having real _____ and _____.
 - 3) Commitment: In reality vs. theory
- B) "Following Jesus offers us nothing less than a single commitment that will reorder all other commitments."

I) Following Jesus – 30 AD

- A) Joining a _____
- 1) What kind?
 - a. A counter-empire movement? (Acts 1:6)
 - b. A counter-religious movement (See *The Jesus Scandals*)
 - 2) What was the cost?
 - a. Giving up everything, possible _____
 - b. Luke 9:23-25, 57-62; Luke 14:33; Matthew 26:35
- B) Declaring Jesus is _____
- 1) Of the Temple and Law – Matthew 9:1-7; Mark 2:25-3:5
 - 2) Not Caesar – (Domitian 81 AD to Diocletian 305 AD)
 - 3) Jesus has the right to tell me how to live
- C) Embracing His _____ - _____ up way of _____
- 1) Sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:1-7:29)
 - 2) Enemy love, radical grace, righteousness starting with a changed heart, embracing weakness

- D) Baptism – the _____ that says it all
- 1) Joining the irreligious movement (Mark 1:4)
 - 2) Buried in death and raised to a new life (Romans 6:4)
 - 3) Cleansed for a new life, (I Peter 3:21)

II) Following Jesus – 2002 AD

Jesus brings two issues before us (Luke 2:11):

S _____ & L _____

Jesus Lordship of our lives Means:

- a) The Death of _____ so that we can embrace _____.
Luke 9:23-24 / 2 Corinthians 5:17
- b) Our Primary _____ and _____ is the person of Jesus.

TAKE AWAY

Understand what you are _____ to.

My next step will be:

OTHER RESOURCES

Books

1. The Original Jesus – Tom Wright
2. The Gospel According to Jesus
- John F. MacArthur, Jr.

Meeting House Tape Series

1. The Upside Down Kingdom
2. The Jesus Scandals