THE GOSPELOF



On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida.



And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.



Growth in grace is growth downward; it is the forming of a lower estimate of ourselves; it is a deepening realization of our nothingness; it is a heartfelt recognition that we are not worthy of the least of God's mercies.



A crucified Savior – will never be content to have a self-pleasing, self-indulging, worldly-minded people. No self-denial – no real grace! No cross – no crown!

## MACARIFILIR

To come to Jesus for salvation is not to raise a hand or sign a card, although such things may sometimes play a part. To come to Jesus Christ is to come to the end of self and sin and to become so desirous of Christ and His righteousness that one will make any sacrifice for Him.

## And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him...whoever says he abides in

him ought to walk in the same way in

which he walked.



Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?

## We live in a day when substantial part of the evangelical world wants a domesticated Jesus who "blesses, satisfies, fills, thrills, and strengthens his followers" but does not insist on a cross.

What we need is the genuine Jesus who demands that his followers die to self and actually follow Him.

## Luke 9:24-25

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?



For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.



For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will <u>repay each person</u> according to what he has done.

