

## WHAT IS YOUR "ONE THING?"

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**John 12:12-13 (NIV)** "The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> **They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'**"

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ marched toward "one thing!"

**Matthew 16:21 (NIV)** "From that time on **Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**"

**Matthew 16:22-23 (NIV)** "**Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to You.'** <sup>23</sup> **Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.'**"

**John 10:14-15 (NLT)** "**I am the Good Shepherd; I know My own sheep, and they know Me,** <sup>15</sup> **just as My Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep.**"

Jesus came to earth with *one thing* in mind... the cross.

**Matthew 16:24 (TLB)** "If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

### FOLLOWING JESUS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN...

1. Your Personal \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 14:26 (TLB)** "Anyone who wants to be My follower must love Me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters--yes, more than his own life--otherwise he cannot be My disciple."

2. Your Personal \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 14:27 (TLB)** "And no one can be My disciple who does not carry His own cross and follow Me."

3. Your Personal \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 14:33 (TLB)** "So no one can become My disciple unless he first sits down and counts his blessings--and then renounces them all for Me."

**Luke 18:25 (TLB)** "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

### FOUR COMMON REACTIONS...

1. It's too \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus to ask.

**Matthew 16:24 (NIV)** "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

2. It's too \_\_\_\_\_ to make that commitment.

**Luke 9:59-61 (GW)** "He told another man, 'Follow Me!' But the man said, 'Sir, first let me go to bury my father.' <sup>60</sup> But Jesus told him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead. You must go everywhere and tell about the kingdom of God.' <sup>61</sup> Another said, 'I'll follow You, sir, but first let me tell my family goodbye.'"

3. It's too \_\_\_\_\_ to take that step.

**Luke 14:27-28 (TLB)** "And no one can be My disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow Me. <sup>28</sup> But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if he has enough money to pay the bills?"

4. It's too \_\_\_\_\_ to wait any longer.

**Matthew 19:29 (TLB)** "And anyone who gives up his home, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or property, to follow Me, shall receive a hundred times as much in return, and shall have eternal life."

### WILL YOU LET JESUS BECOME YOUR "ONE THING?"

**John 3:30 (CEV)** "Jesus must become more important, while I become less important."