

The Unlikely Disciple – Living Radically Transformed

1. Our need for a resurrected Jesus.

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”^[a]

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³ Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

³⁴ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

³⁵ But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”
And all the other disciples said the same. **Matthew 26:31-35 NIV**

When we understand and accept the transformational power of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we will have a confidence that will allow us to live for God no matter the situation.

“³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” **1 Peter 1:3 NIV**

Peter knew Jesus, but he needed to know the resurrected Jesus to be truly changed.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.¹¹ But

they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." **Luke 24: 9-12 NIV**

If you have accepted the power of the resurrected Jesus, then there is nothing your God can't do.

2. Our radical transformation through a resurrected Jesus.

Being a Christian isn't about fitting Jesus into your life, it's about letting Jesus create your life.

Radical – being disposed to make extreme changes in views, habits, and conditions

The power of the resurrection makes us capable of living a radically transformed life, the question is are we willing to live a radically transformed life.