

Superficial Jesus

“New and Improved Messiah”

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Reasons to Follow

(Luke 6:17-19, pg 618-619 in SCC Bibles)

People follow Jesus because...

- He's different
- Of what they can get from Him
- His teaching is revolutionary
- Of His popularity
- He's the Son of God and our savior

New and Improved

(Luke 7:20-23, pg 620 in SCC Bibles)

- Jesus provided evidence of His power
- Jesus doesn't match expectations

Signs of Superficiality

(Luke 8:4-8, pg 620 in SCC Bibles)

- I don't hear the message
- I get excited and then fade
- I let others things distract me

The Big Question

(Luke 9:18-20, pg 622 in SCC Bibles)

- Why should I follow Christ?
- What do I base my belief on?

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Questions

1. What's the worst misunderstanding of Jesus I've ever seen or heard? Why do people make Him into something He's not?
2. What was my initial reason for following Christ? Has it changed? If so, how?
3. Why doesn't Jesus always match expectations?
4. Review the signs of superficiality... how does each indicate a lack of or a hollow relationship with Christ?
5. What kinds of things do we base our beliefs on? What should we?

Scripture

Read Luke 5:1-11, 27-31

- We know from reading the rest of the story that Simon, James, and John had very meaningful relationships with Christ. How did their reaction to His calling demonstrate that? How would it have been different if they were superficial?
- How can we tell Matthew's response is real?
- How do these reactions compare to today?

Application

- Do I demonstrate any of the signs of superficiality?
- Why do I follow Christ?