

A scenic mountain landscape with a dirt path leading towards snow-capped peaks under a clear blue sky. The foreground features a gravelly path winding through dry grass and shrubs. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills with patches of green and brown vegetation, interspersed with small evergreen trees. The background is dominated by large, rugged mountains with significant snow cover on their peaks and upper slopes. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue.

THE WAY

LUKE'S GOSPEL

Luke 9:1-18

- Representing Christ: Every believer is called to be an ambassador for Jesus in their daily environment—whether at work, school, home, or in the community.
- Kingdom Mission: We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- Radical Dependence: Rely entirely on God for our journey rather than earthly securities.
- The Heart of Faith: Knowing Jesus and having a relationship with him is the essential core of the Christian faith, rather than just seeking his benefits.
- Multiplying Small Efforts: Using the story of the feeding of the 5,000, the sermon encourages believers to bring the "little" they have to God, trusting him to use it for his greater purposes.

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Luke 9:18-36

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18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” **19** And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” **20** Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, **22** saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. **25** For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? **26** 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. **27** But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. **29** And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. **30** And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, **31** who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. **33** And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. **34** As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” **36** And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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“Luke is interested in what we know and how we know it. Why? Because he wants us, as followers of Jesus to have assurance, conviction and safety in the truth that Jesus is really who he says he is and that the way of the kingdom really is good, beautiful, true and powerful”

Dr Amy Orr-Ewing

Christ, The Cross and The Crown



Christ

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C.S.Lewis

Isaiah 9:86-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

The Cross

Christianity teaches that, contra fatalism, suffering is overwhelming; contra Buddhism, suffering is real; contra karma, suffering is often unfair; but contra secularism, suffering is meaningful. There is a purpose to it, and if faced rightly, it can drive us like a nail deep into the love of God and into more stability and spiritual power than you can imagine.

Tim Keller

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- Don't tell anyone!
- The Kingdom is Surprising
- The Kingdom is always Growing, Peaceful, Just, Righteous, and begins and endures with the Lord

Christ, The Cross and The Crown

- Set your eyes on the true Jesus
- Daily, ask, “How do you want me to live?”

“Increased and regular salvation, healing, increased Christ-like maturity and holiness amongst us, greater manifestations of the Spirit, for growth on a Sunday to over 300 people. Greater impact through you individually in your workplaces and streets, and through us corporately in this town, area and the nations. Greater diversity in the church in age, particularly of teens and twenties, social status, ethnicity and backgrounds.”

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