

Your ANSWER Is Showing

Discussion Guide

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 - a. religious nut, b. greatest man who ever lived, c. Son of God, d. an enigma (mystery), e. _____?
2. "You are the Christ." When Peter answered this, what did he mean?
 - a. long-awaited Messiah, b. ruler of a new Israel, c. sacrifice for sin, d. answer to his deepest quest, e. _____?
3. Why did Peter get so upset when Jesus explained the cross, (v.21-22)?
 - a. he didn't understand prophecy, b. he didn't want Jesus to suffer, c. he didn't want to suffer, d. he didn't want to lose his leader, e. _____?
4. What is Jesus saying? "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
5. What is Jesus saying here? "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"
6. How do you think Peter felt after this experience?
7. For each period of your life, put a symbol to indicate how you experienced Jesus.
 - _ K = Jesus is someone to KNOW about
 - _ F = Jesus is someone to FOLLOW
 - _ L = Jesus is someone to LEARN about
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8. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him?
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