

SIMPLYJESUS

What If Jesus Meant What He Said?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Shane shared a quote implying that a historic tendency of Jesus' followers has been to over-complicate the words of Jesus, absolving them of the responsibility to act upon that which they "didn't understand". Do you agree or disagree with this? Has this ever been true for you?
2. Shane shared several personal examples of his faith leading him into a life of intense, practical activism. Share a time when "following Jesus" resulted in a tangible act or demonstration of love. Has your "acting upon" the words of Jesus ever resulted in controversy?
3. Martin Luther King stated that we as followers of Jesus are "meant to be neither master or servant of the state, but are meant to be the prophetic conscience of the state." What do you think of this and do you see this reflected in the life Jesus lived in Palestine, some 2000 years ago?
4. What is one way that you can act upon the message that you've heard today? What might the "demonstration of the love of Jesus" look like in your life and community?