

WHAT *does it mean*
to FOLLOW JESUS?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

IRONY

*Words that actually mean
the opposite of what they're
intended to mean.*

MATTHEW 27 IS FULL OF IRONY

Jesus is crucified...

- because He is the Son of Man (26:65).
- because He is innocent (27:23).
- and that provokes worship (27:29).
- as the King of Israel (27:37).
- because He is so loved by God (26:42–43).

Matthew 27:50–54

TRULY *this*
CRUCIFIED JESUS
is KING

1.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THIS CRUCIFIED KING
will never face God's wrath
for their sins.

2.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THIS CRUCIFIED KING
will always have access to
God Himself.

“Believer, lay hold
of this blissful idea:
your Savior by His death
threw open every door
and gate in heaven.”

Friedrich Krummacher

I ENJOY GOD'S PRESENCE WHEN...

1. I hear God's voice
in the Bible.
2. I have God's ear
in prayer.
3. I gather with God's people,
the church.

“At the end of the day,
there is simply no replacement
for finding a regular time and place,
blocking out distractions,
putting your nose in the text,
and letting your mind and heart
be led and captured and thrilled
by God himself communicating to us
in his objective written words.”

David Mathis

“When we get alone with the Bible,
we are not alone.”

“It’s not about checking boxes
but communing with God.”

“We don’t just learn facts,
but we learn a Face.
We’re not just learners of principles,
but of a Person.”

David Mathis

WANT TO READ THE BIBLE MORE?

1. Plan your time with big rocks first (*not little pebbles*).
2. Develop a daily routine that's adaptable.
3. Consider how loving it is to spend time with God.

3.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THIS CRUCIFIED KING
will experience resurrection
& unending life.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THIS CRUCIFIED KING

...will never face God's wrath.

...will always enjoy God's presence.

...will experience unending life.