

**Peace or Division?**

The Jesus we encounter in the gospels is very different from the Jesus who occupies our cultural landscape. Jesus will not allow his disciples to think of him merely as a benign, good teacher who would be appreciated by all if he were just presented winsomely enough. These verses from Luke's gospel help us to know Jesus better by pointing us to:

1. The Mission of Jesus
  - a. Why did Jesus come?
  - b. What fire did he kindle?
  - c. To what baptism does he refer?
  - d. Why was Jesus in "great distress?"
2. An Unexpected Question
  - a. Peace?
  - b. Division!
3. A Prophecy Fulfilled
  - a. Micah 7:6 and the coming of salvation
  - b. The dividing responses to Jesus

**Application:**

1. Does your faith embrace everything that Jesus said about who he is and what he came to do?
2. Have you accepted that following Jesus will involve experiencing division at some point and to some extent?
3. Have you trusted in Jesus for the peace that he does offer - peace with God?