

Series: The Jesus I Wish You Knew

Sermon: Jesus the Radical

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1. If you had to describe Jesus in one word, what word would you use to describe him?
2. Read Matthew 10:34-36, 18:21-22, Luke 14:22 and 18:26. After reading these verses, what word would you use to describe Jesus?
3. Jesus said and did a lot of radical things. How would you have felt about Jesus if you lived during his day?
4. Read the following statements of Jesus: Matthew 6:24, 7:13-14, 16:24 and Luke 6:35? Which of these statements of Jesus seems most difficult to you?
5. Do you think you would have been in the crowd, yelling for Pilate to crucify Jesus?
6. If we follow a radical Jesus, we, as Jesus' followers, are called to live radical lives. What would it mean for you to live a radical and fundamentally different life?
7. Rick Warren wrote the *Radicalis Declaration*. Read the Declaration and share your thoughts:

"Today I am stepping across the line. I've made my choice, the verdict is in, and my decision is final. I'm going God's way. There is no turning back. I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes, with God's people, for God's glory.

I will value worship over wealth, "we" over "me", character over comfort, service over status, and people over possessions, position, and pleasure. I know what matters most and I will give it all I've got. I will do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today. I'll keep running the race with my eyes on the goal. When times get tough and I get tired I won't back up, back down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace.

I say this: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer is yes! I want to be used by you in such a way that on that final day I'll hear you say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

8. As a group, choose a part of the *Radicalis Declaration* and pray that you would have the strength and the courage to live radically.