

COST OF CHRIST FOLLOWING

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LYRICS

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dedicated to Christ Jesus, 21 June 2014, ren Feb 2018
Album: Amazing **Master 'n' Servant**

READING 1: Jesus said to ALL "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." He said that MANY times: Matthew 10:38 & 16:24; Mark 8:34 & 10:21 SAY THE SAME as God says thru Luke 9:23.

READING 2: *In HISTORY: Rome's roads were lined with bloody used crosses left up often with rotting corpses to remind everyone of the deadly results of not obeying Roman rule.* The people to whom Jesus spoke KNEW the **COST OF CHRIST FOLLOWING**.

READING 3: Jesus CLEARLY identified the COST OF CHRIST FOLLOWING in John 15: 18-20a. (read NKJV).

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VERSE 1

Every JEW who followed Jesus got kicked out of the synagogue.

Every Jew who believed Jesus was mocked, beaten, or..... **worse**. As time went on, ALL who followed Jesus risked their life..... YET they did not CARE when they saw the JOY of following Jesus Christ – Messiah!

(following Jesus Christ – Messiah! following Jesus Christ – Messiah!)

Pain we CAN bear, with PEACE, as we shared the TRUTH of God's Son, Jesus, Messiah. *(The TRUTH of God's Son, Jesus: Yeshua... The TRUTH of God's Son, Jesus: Yeshua.)*

VERSE 2

Each MUSLIM who follows Jesus gets attacked by deceived Islamists.

Those who leave Mohammed's teachings are threatened with beheadings. As time goes on, all who followed Jesus RISK their life..... YET we will not CARE when we see the JOY of following Jesus Christ – Messiah!

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VERSE 3

Each CHRISTIAN who TRULY follows CAN expect to be mocked or attacked.

Even where it seldom happens, God's Word prophesies it SHALL come to pass. As time goes on, all who followed Jesus risk their life..... YET YOU will not CARE when you see the JOY of following Jesus Christ – Messiah!

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Interlude music: O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
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18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world... therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you."

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Song Story. Written on 21 June 2014 on a guitar at my campsite near Canton, Ohio, during a break at the ALIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL. A special story few people have heard: I had just been told that I had a softball size cyst on my ovary.... a deadly diagnosis if the tumor is cancerous. So, as I wrote this-- WITHOUT FEAR – in only about an hour, I was praying that God would give me time... and energy to write more songs. The weather was averaging 102 degrees & I was perfectly comfortable despite exhaustion... a couple of signs that it truly was a miracle a few months later when the surgeon found that the tumor was complete encapsulated, no cancer, easy removal.