

“The Christ of the Passion: The Passion of the Pacifist”

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8 Did Jesus practice what he preached?

- ▼ **Exhibit A:**
  - **What Jesus preached:** Matthew 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (38-39)
    - ▼ \_\_\_\_\_ (Turn) the other \_\_\_\_\_ (cheek).
  - **What Jesus practiced:** Matthew 26: \_\_\_\_\_ (67, 68)
  
- ▼ **Exhibit B:**
  - **What Jesus preached:** Matthew 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (43-48)
    - ▼ \_\_\_\_\_ (Love) and \_\_\_\_\_ (pray) for your \_\_\_\_\_ (enemy).
  - **What Jesus practiced:** Luke 23: \_\_\_\_\_ (33, 34)
  
- ▼ **Exhibit C:**
  - **What Jesus preached:** Luke 6: \_\_\_\_\_ (27)
    - ▼ Do \_\_\_\_\_ (good) to those who \_\_\_\_\_ (hate) you.
  - **What Jesus practiced:** Luke 22: \_\_\_\_\_ (51)
  
- ▼ **Exhibit D:**
  - **What Jesus preached:** Matthew 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (37)
    - ▼ Let your \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) be \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes), and your \_\_\_\_\_ (No) be \_\_\_\_\_ (No).
  - **What Jesus practiced:** Matthew 26: \_\_\_\_\_ (62-64)  
Luke 23: \_\_\_\_\_ (9)  
Isaiah 53: \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
  
- ▼ **Exhibit E:**
  - **What Jesus preached:** John 18: \_\_\_\_\_ (36)
    - ▼ My servants do not \_\_\_\_\_ (fight).
  - **What Jesus practiced:** John 18: \_\_\_\_\_ (11)

- ▼ **Exhibit F:**
  - **What Jesus preached: Matthew 5:\_\_\_ (9)**
    - ▼ **Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ (peacemakers).**
  - **What Jesus practiced: Isaiah 9:\_\_\_ (6)**
    - ▼ **James 3:18**
    - ▼ **Romans 12:18**
    - ▼ **Hebrews 12:14**
    - ▼ **I Peter 3:10, 11**

☞ **When it comes to war and conflict, “What would Jesus do?”**

- ▼ **Or more practically—what *did* Jesus do?**
- ▼ **Jesus chose to face all conflict as a:**
  - **non-\_\_\_\_\_ (retaliating)**
  - **non-\_\_\_\_\_ (violent)**
  - **\_\_\_\_\_ (peacemaker).**
- ▼ **And he asks us to do the \_\_\_\_\_ (same).**
- ▼ **“The \_\_\_\_\_ (upside) down kingdom”**
  - **Which side would Jesus be cheering during the evening news?**
  - **“We ought to obey God, rather than man” (Acts 5:29).**
  - **Ray Simpson, *Holy Island Prayer Book*: “The tragedy of the second millennium was that the Cross, starting with the Crusades, became an emblem of the sword. . . . The challenge of this third millennium is to let it be what it was and what it still is in its origin—an emblem of unconditional love.”**
- ▼ **The confession of the psalmist: “I am for \_\_\_\_\_ (peace); but when I speak they are for \_\_\_\_\_ (war).” — Psalm 120:7 NRSV**

*“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the children of God.”*