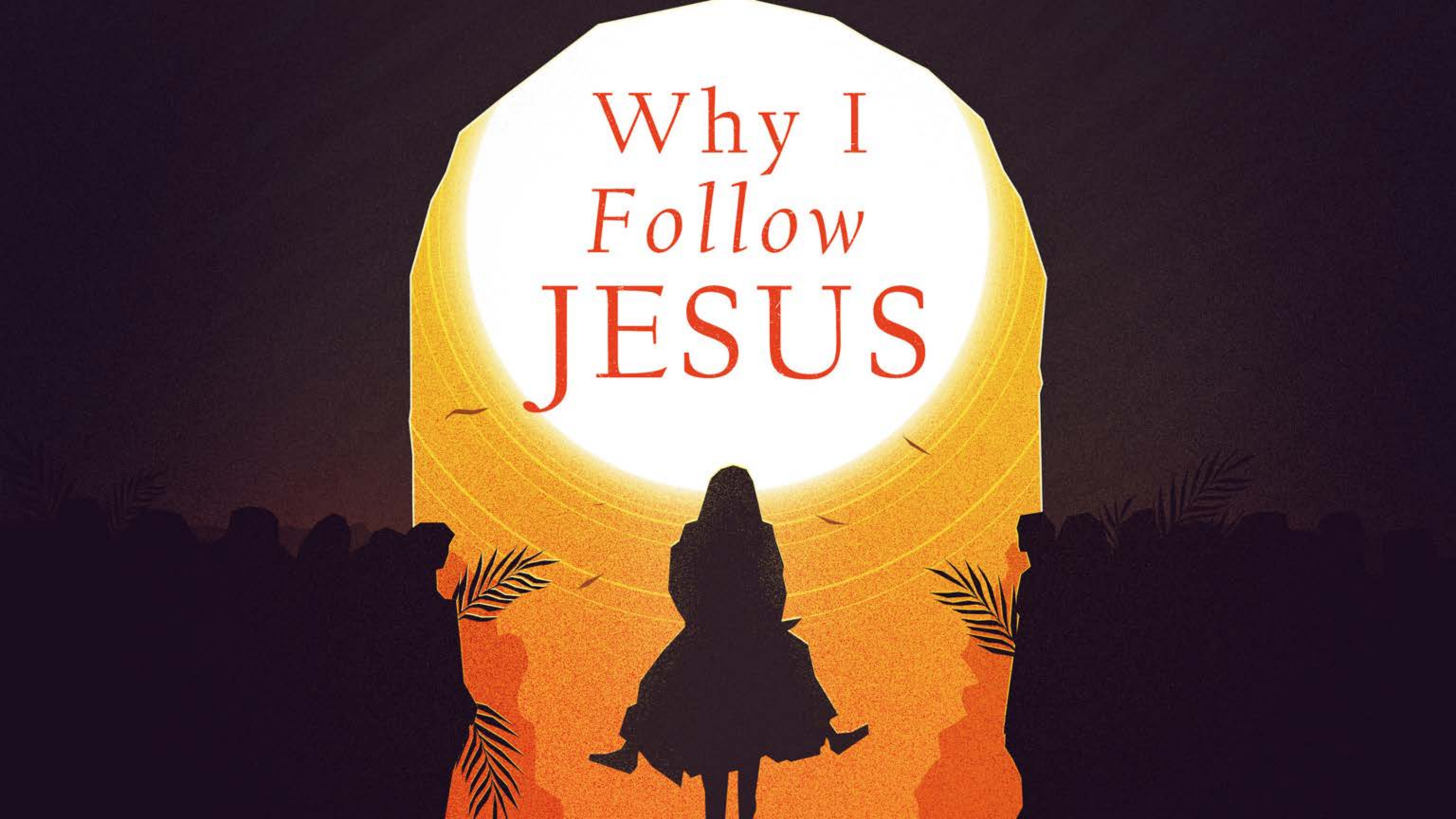


Why I
Follow
JESUS



*What do I expect from my relationship with
Jesus?*



John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ *Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.* The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”



John 12:1-8

⁶ *He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.* ⁷ Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”



*What do I expect from my relationship with
Jesus?*



-Mary hung with Jesus in order to give him everything she had.



-Judas hung with Jesus in order to get something for himself.



“Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.”

-President John F. Kennedy in his 1961 inauguration speech.



Mary asked what she could give, and Judas asked what this will cost...



Expecting to Give Up My Security



John 12:9-19

⁹ When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ *So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well,*

¹¹ *because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.*

¹² *The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”*



John 12:9-19

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.



John 12:9-19

¹⁸ *The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.* ¹⁹ *So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”*



Religious Security

-Religious leaders hung with Jesus to find fault with His teaching.



*What happens when God's word challenges
your religious system?*



Worldly Security

-Crowds hung with Jesus to find prosperity in life.



*What happens when you don't get the job,
position, or the provision?*



Expecting to Give Up My Life



John 12:20-28

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



John 12:20-28

²⁵ *Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.* ²⁶ *If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.* If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But *for this purpose I have come to this hour.* ²⁸ *Father, glorify your name.*”



-Disciples hung with Jesus in order to see God's glory displayed in Him.



What are you in it for?

