

CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS

JOHN 18:28-40

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

WILL UNDERSTAND the prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus controlled the kind of death that awaited Him. "He knows and foreknows all things, and His foreknowledge is foreordination. He, therefore, will have the last work, both in world history and in the destiny of every man." J.I. Packer, Knowing God, page 25. (**John 18:32,33, fn 18:32, John 12:32-34, fn 12:32-34, Matthew 16:21, fn 16:21, Mark 9:32, fn 9:32, Luke 24:44-47, fn 24:45, II Corinthians 3:16-18, fn 3:18, II Corinthians 4:6**) *How is it possible for you to understand the crucifixion? How would you explain the reason for it to your family or others?*

WILL NOT FIGHT for control in the Kingdom. Nations and people fight to control their kingdoms. Jesus told Peter to put away his sword. We are to seek first the Kingdom of God and leave vengeance to Him. (**John 18:33-36, fn 18:34, fn 18:36, 37, II Corinthians 10:1-6, fn 10:3-6, Acts 1:3, fn 1:3, Luke 17:20, 21, fn 17:20, 21, James 4:1-4, fn 4:1-3**) *If the only kingdom of eternal value is Christ's Kingdom, why don't we force people to accept it?*

WILL LISTEN TO THE TRUTH. Jesus is Truth, and we listen to Him and are on His side. Pilate and the Jews did not listen, so they did not know the truth. (**John 18:37, 38, fn 18:38, John 1:17, fn 1:17, John 8:34-36, fn 8:36, John 8:42-47, 51, fn 8:51, John 10:25-30, John 16:13, fn 16:13, Romans 1:16-20, fn 1:18**) *Whose side are you on? How does your life at work and at home assure you that you are on Christ's side?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.