



**Did Jesus Really
Say That?**

It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.

- Mark Twain

His yoke is easy and his burden is light, but his sayings are often hard because they run counter to well entrenched presuppositions and traditional assumptions about life.

- F.F. Bruce

I came that they
may have life
and have it
abundantly.

John 10:10 (ESV)

**LIFE
IS
GREAT!**

**If anyone would
come after me, let
him deny himself
and take up his
cross and follow me.**

Mark 8:34 (ESV)

CROSSES

ARE

HARD!

Peace I leave with
you; my peace I give
to you. Not as the
world gives do I give
to you. Let not your
hearts be troubled,
neither let them be
afraid.

John 14:27 (ESV)

**PEACE
IS
GREAT!**

Coeexist

tolerance

**Do not think that I
have come to bring
peace to the earth. I
have not come to
bring peace, but a
sword.**

Matthew 10:34 (ESV)

**SWORDS
ARE
HARD!**

For I have come to set
a man against his
father, and a daughter
against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law
against her mother-in-
law. And a person's
enemies will be those
of his own household.

Matthew 10:35-36 (ESV)

WORDS

ARE

HARD!

Whoever loves father
or mother more than
me is not worthy of
me, and whoever loves
son or daughter more
than me is not worthy
of me.

Matthew 10:37 (ESV)

WORDS

ARE

HARD!

**And whoever does not
take his cross and
follow me is not
worthy of me.**

**Whoever finds his life
will lose it, and
whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it.**

Matthew 10:38-39 (ESV)

WORDS

ARE

HARD!

***It was not Jesus'
Purpose to divide, but
Jesus cannot, will not
coexist with competing
value systems or
divided loyalties.***

John 14:6 (ESV)

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

**And there is salvation in
no one else, for there is no
other name under heaven
given among men by
which we must be saved.**

**I therefore, a
prisoner for the**

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

**Lord, urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling to which you
have been called, with all humility
and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
eager to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)

**There is one
body and one Spirit—just as you
were called to the one hope that
belongs to your call— one Lord,
one faith, one baptism, one God
and Father of all, who is over all
and through all and in all.**

Jude 3 (ESV)

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

The Goal is to *Earnestly*
Contend For the Faith
without becoming
contentious and
combative.

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

Romans 12:18 (ESV)

**If possible, so far as it
depends on you, live
peaceably with all.**

**Our DEFAULT attitude is humility,
kindness, gentleness, & peace.**

**BUT – we must also hold a
noncompromising commitment
to Jesus that requires us to
contend for The Faith – the truth
about Jesus.**

For whoever is ashamed
of me and of my words
in this adulterous and
sinful generation, of him
will the Son of Man also
be ashamed when he
comes in the glory of his
Father with the holy
angels.

Mark 8:35 (ESV)

**THIS
IS
HARD!**

John 6:67-69 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”