

Jesus' Most Influential Act

In his death Jesus does some of his most important leading.

John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

The pathway to life is through death.

Four reasons why Jesus' death was important:

It was the capstone act of his ______rejection of self-exaltation and self-preservation.

It shaped who he ______ his followers to be.

Philippians 2:1-8: Therefore: if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature[a] God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

It was the clearest statement God could make about his ______ for humanity.

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrated his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Humanity could _____ the resurrection.

Matthew 16:24-25 "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, pick up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Denying yourself means ______ off the throne of your life.