

# DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

**Peace or Sword?**

**Matthew 10:34-39**

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What Jesus meant:

- 1) Fully following Jesus produces peace with God but not with people. *v.34*

What Jesus did not mean:

- Go on a crusade.
- Be obnoxious.

- 2) Fully following Jesus will often divide close relationships.  
*vv. 35-36*

- 3) Fully following Jesus will force a crisis of loyalty.  
*vv. 37-39*

Getting specific:

- It's what we believe.
- It's what we do.
- It's who we are.

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# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) If you read Jesus' statement in Matthew 10:34 without the context or your knowledge of other Scripture, what possible interpretations could you come up with?
- 2) Read Matthew 10. What is the setting for this teaching? Who is Jesus talking to? How would you apply this today?
- 3) Think of your closest relationships. Do you feel that any of them have the potential to sway your loyalty from Jesus? Explain your answer. Do you have the potential to sway those whom you love away from His call?
- 4) Why are some people opposed to those who are loyal to Jesus? Have you personally experienced this opposition?



**Memory Verse**  
**Matthew 10:34**

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”