

A person wearing medieval-style metal armor, including a breastplate with a central boss and shoulder guards. The armor is dark and appears to be made of iron or steel. The person's hands are resting on the hilt of a sword. The background is dark and textured. A white brushstroke is visible at the bottom of the image, serving as a background for the text.

ARE WE MILITANT?



WHAT OTHERS SAY

“CHURCHES OF CHRIST (ABOUT 2 MILLION) ARE CONSERVATIVE, SOME MILITANTLY AND OTHERS NOT.”

“YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE WALKING ON EGGSHELLS, TRYING TO KEEP THE PEACE. THEY ARE EASILY OFFENDED.”

“THESE PEOPLE HAVE DIFFICULTY SEEING ANYONE’S VIEWPOINT BUT THEIR OWN.”

“I AM VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, AND BESIDES, I’M ALWAYS RIGHT”: THE NARCISSISTIC PERSONALITY.

WE’RE CHARGED WITH HAVING DEPENDENT, OBSESSIVE, ATTENTION-SEEKING, AVOIDANT, ANTI-SOCIAL, ETC. PERSONALITIES.



WHAT SHOULD MATTER

EPHESIANS 4:15 RATHER, **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE ARE TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

WOULD YOU SAY THAT JONAH LOVED THE NINEVITES?

WOULD YOU SAY THAT JONAH LOVED GOD?

HOW IS JONAH UNIQUE? WHAT IS IT ABOUT?



WHY DO WE SOMETIMES FAIL?

JUDE 3-4

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. FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE HAVE CREPT IN UNNOTICED WHO LONG AGO WERE DESIGNATED FOR THIS CONDEMNATION, UNGODLY PEOPLE, WHO PERVERT THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO SENSUALITY AND DENY OUR ONLY MASTER AND LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

exert intense effort on behalf of something—‘to struggle for, contend, fight’

A close-up photograph of a hand wearing Roman-style metal armor, including a gauntlet and a helmet with a crest. The hand is holding a white brushstroke that has been applied to a dark surface. The text "WHAT ABOUT JESUS?" is written in red, bold, capital letters across the white brushstroke.

WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT

- + MATTHEW 4:17, "FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, SAYING, 'REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.'"**
- + MATTHEW 5-7 :**
- + HE EXPECTS MANKIND TO BE POOR IN SPIRIT, TO MOURN, BE MEEK, HUNGER AND THIRST, BE MERCIFUL, PURE IN HEART, PEACEMAKERS, BE PERSECUTED.**
- + BE SALT OR BE USELESS.**
- + EXCEED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES OR "YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."**
- + DON'T HATE YOUR BROTHER BROTHER.**
- + DON'T LUST.**
- + DON'T DIVORCE.**
- + DON'T TAKE AN OATH.**
- + DON'T RETALIATE BUT TURN YOUR CHEEK.**
- + LOVE YOUR ENEMY AND PRAY FOR YOUR PERSECUTORS. DON'T DO WHAT'S EASY OR EXPECTED.**



WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

- + **DON'T BE A RELIGIOUS SHOW-OFF (GIVING, PRAYER, FASTING).**
- + **DON'T BE WORLDLY. BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE KINGDOM.**
- + **DON'T BE A HYPOCRITE.**
- + **HAVE FAITH THAT GOD CARES FOR YOU. ASK AND YOU'LL RECEIVE.**
- + **TREAT OTHERS HOW YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.**
- + **THERE ARE TWO DOORS AND WAYS. CHOOSE THE NARROW GATE BECAUSE MAJORITY WON'T.**
- + **BE A FRUIT INSPECTOR. A TREE IS EITHER HEALTHY OR DISEASED. DISEASED TREES ARE CUT DOWN AND THROWN IN THE FIRE.**
- + **DON'T THINK THAT BECAUSE YOU DO THINGS IN MY NAME I'LL ACCEPT YOU ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. I'LL CLAIM TO HAVE NEVER KNOWN YOU.**
- + **EITHER BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON SOLID FOUNDATION OR SAND, BUT KNOW IF IT'S THE SAND YOU'LL BE KNOCKED DOWN. YOU'LL FALL.**
- + **“AND WHEN JESUS FINISHED THESE SAYINGS, THE CROWDS WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING, FOR HE WAS TEACHING THEM AS ONE WHO HAD AUTHORITY, AND NOT AS THEIR SCRIBES.”**



WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

MARK'S ACCOUNT:

MARK 1:14-15, "NOW AFTER JOHN WAS ARRESTED, JESUS CAME INTO GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF GOD, AND SAYING, 'THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND; REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.'"

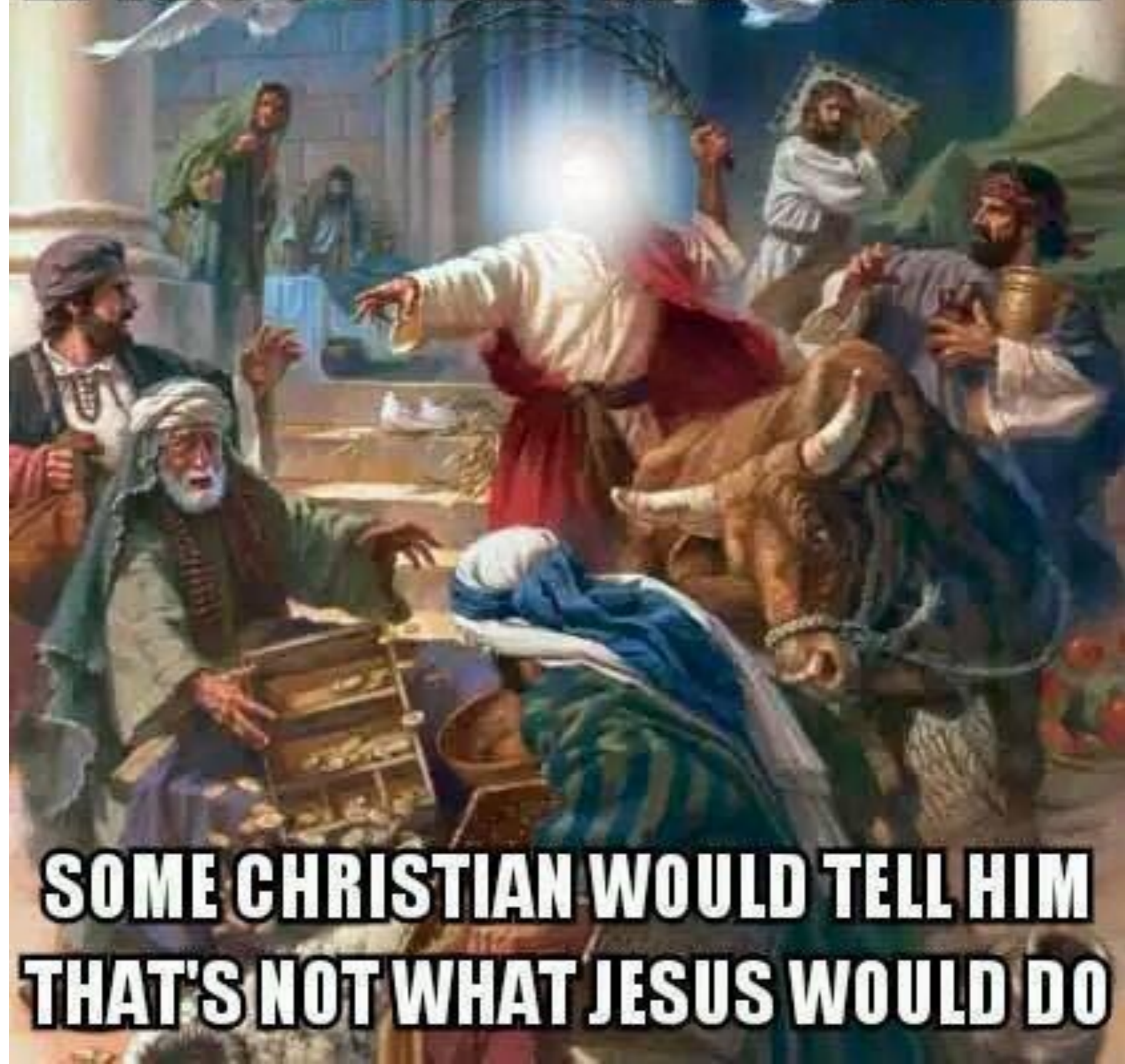
LUKE'S ACCOUNT:

LUKE 4:18-30. HOW'S THAT FOR YOUR FIRST SERMON BACK HOME?

JOHN'S ACCOUNT:

JOHN 2:13-17. AFTER JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES AND PERFORMS HIS FIRST MIRACLE IN CANA, WE FIND HIM ENTERING JERUSALEM. HOW'S THIS FOR ONE OF THE FIRST PICTURES OF JESUS?

IF JESUS DID THIS TODAY



**SOME CHRISTIAN WOULD TELL HIM
THAT'S NOT WHAT JESUS WOULD DO**



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

I CHARGE YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF CHRIST JESUS, WHO IS TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, AND BY HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM: PREACH THE WORD; BE READY IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON; REPROVE, REBUKE, AND EXHORT, WITH COMPLETE PATIENCE AND TEACHING. FOR THE TIME IS COMING WHEN PEOPLE WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND TEACHING, BUT **HAVING ITCHING EARS THEY WILL ACCUMULATE FOR THEMSELVES TEACHERS TO SUIT THEIR OWN PASSIONS, AND WILL TURN AWAY FROM LISTENING TO THE TRUTH AND WANDER OFF INTO MYTHS. AS FOR YOU, ALWAYS BE SOBER-MINDED, ENDURE SUFFERING, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY.**

A person wearing medieval-style armor, including a helmet, shoulder guards, and a sword. The armor is dark with metallic plates. The person's hands are visible, holding the hilt of a sword. The background is dark and textured.

ARE WE LOVING?
ARE WE HUMBLE?