

Why was Christianity uniquely offensive to the Roman culture?

- Exclusive \_\_\_\_\_
- Inclusive \_\_\_\_\_
- Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_

“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

sword = the \_\_\_\_\_ response of many to the \_\_\_\_\_

Why will so many be so hostile?

\_\_\_\_\_ - “earth” (34)

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\_\_\_\_\_ - “household” (35-37)

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\_\_\_\_\_ - “his life” (38-39)

\* Jesus is the ultimate means of \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Look - We must recognize that every \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ assumptions.

Five ways to find your self/life -

- The \_\_\_\_\_ self -
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Why does this matter?

2. Love - We find in \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.

“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

3. Live - We find \_\_\_\_\_ as we die to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:38-39