

SAVE YOURSELF

Introduction – During a discussion group years ago someone said, “As Christians we all have the same goal. We want to be saved and go to heaven when we die.” At the time I thought, “There is something about what he was saying with which I did not agree.”

A. What is the goal of a follower of Jesus?

Luke 9:18-25

1. To be a follower of the Messiah, we must deny ourselves and pick up our cross daily.
2. Ironically everyone who wants to save themselves will be lost, and those who lose their lives for Jesus will be saved.

B. Jesus had the power to save Himself from crucifixion.

Matthew 26:49-53

1. Peter tried to save Jesus with the sword, but Jesus would not let him.
2. A Roman Legion numbered about 6,000 soldiers, thus 12 legions would be 72,000 warrior angels.

C. Jesus was taunted at His crucifixion.

Matthew 27:38-44

Conclusion – Praise God that Jesus did not decide to save Himself, but sacrificed Himself for our salvation. We must follow the example of Jesus, which includes saving ourselves from the rebellious generation of which we are apart.

Acts 2:36-41