

## SHOCKING CLAIMS OF JESUS – *Episode 6: The Sword*



Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Game Strategy** – We call Christ the Prince of Peace so why did he say, “I have come to bring not peace but the sword”?

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

### **Pregame Film Study**

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

**Huddle Up** – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

### **Warm-up Questions:**

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

### **Workout Questions:**

1. When I first heard this passage (Matthew 10:34-36) years ago, I had difficulty understanding its meaning. What do you think Jesus means by this shocking statement?
2. How would you phrase this Scripture passage if Jesus asked you to rewrite it?
3. Why do you think Jesus wants us to place Him as our #1 priority, even above our own family? (Matthew 10:37)
4. The ‘sword’ that Jesus is speaking of in this passage refers to the Word of God. Read Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12 concerning the ‘sword’. How would the reading of and meditating upon the Scriptures have a greater influence on your life? Consequently, do you think that you could then have a more significant impact on your family?
5. In order to have a spiritual impact on your family and friends, ask yourself a few questions. Are you afraid to talk to your family and friends about Jesus? If so, why? Jesus loves us enough to tell us the truth – to shoot straight with us! Are you willing to do the same with your family and friends? If so, how!
6. How do you think that you can incorporate the Scriptures into your life on a regular basis?

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**Team Workout Plan** - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

**Postgame Recap** - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Christianity is about a relationship.
2. Jesus gives a testimony. Will you give yours?
3. Knowing Jesus will change your life!

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

### **Scripture References**

Matthew 10:34-38  
Ephesians 6:10-17

Hebrews 4:12  
Colossians 1:18

### **Coaching Tips**

Jesus must be first coming before all other things, even our most intimate relationships. When we put Him first, He is able to give us those lesser loves in an even greater way.

“[Jesus] stands between us and God, and for that very reason he stands between us and all other men and things. He is the Mediator, not only between God and man, but between man and man, between man and reality. Since the whole world was created through him and unto him (John 1:3; 1st Cor. 8:6; Heb. 1:2), he is the sole Mediator in the world... The call of Jesus teaches us that our relation to the world has been built on an illusion. All the time we thought we had enjoyed a direct relation with men and things. This is what had hindered us from faith and obedience. Now we learn that in the most intimate relationships of life, in our kinship with father and mother, brothers and sisters, in married love, and in our duty to the community, direct relationships are impossible. Since the coming of Christ, his followers have no more immediate realities of their own, not in their family relationships nor in the ties with their nation nor in the relationships formed in the process of living. Between father and son, husband and wife, the individual and the nation, stands Christ the Mediator, whether they are able to recognize him or not. We cannot establish direct contact outside ourselves except through him, through his word, and through our following of him. To think otherwise is to deceive ourselves”. - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship*

### **Catechism Connection**

**792** Christ “is the head of the body, the Church.” He is the principle of creation and redemption. Raised to the Father’s glory, “in everything he [is] preeminent,” especially in the Church, through whom he extends his reign over all things.

**794** *Christ provides for our growth:* to make us grow toward him, our head, he provides in his Body, the Church, the gifts and assistance by which we help one another along the way of salvation.

**2470** The disciple of Christ consents to “live in the truth,” that is, in the simplicity of a life in conformity with the Lord’s example, abiding in his truth. “If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.”

### **Personal Action Item**

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

*I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...*