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How has this idea of being emptied of self helped you be more aware of your need for Jesus?

What images come to mind when you think of what it means to, “identify with Christ?”

Scan these three passages and set the context for Jesus’ statement that his disciples are to take up their cross. Do you notice any differences in the context? Why would anyone want to take up their cross and follow Jesus when it requires death to self?

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In Romans 6 we read that we are dead to sin and alive to Christ (6:1-14). Is there a specific area of your life where you need to be reminded that sin no longer has authority over you? Remember this week that you are made alive in Jesus, free to live, free to obey, free to experience the grace of God.

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