

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's lower legs and feet. The person is wearing a white, textured robe and simple, light-colored sandals. They are walking on a dry, rocky, and dusty path. The ground is composed of small stones and dirt. A shadow is cast by the person's feet onto the ground. The text "NOT THE JESUS WE WANT" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. The word "NOT" is significantly larger than the other words. The word "JESUS" is in a smaller, italicized font. The words "THE" and "WE WANT" are in a standard font size.

NOT THE *JESUS*
WE WANT



A Lowly Birth & Upbringing

- **His Lowly Birth**

- *Born In A Stable, Laid In A Trough*

ISA. 53:2, 3; LUKE 2:1-7

- *Not The Expected 'Royal Entrance'!*



A Lowly Birth & Upbringing

- **His Humble Upbringing**

- *Raised A Carpenter's Son*

MATT. 13:53-58; MARK 6:2-6

- *He Didn't Study Under The Religious Leaders*

MATT. 7:28, 29; JOHN 7:14, 15



His Teaching *vs.* Religious Leaders'

- A Spiritual *vs.* Physical Focus

- *Religious Leaders: An Outward Focus*

MATT. 23:5-7; 27-28

- *Jesus: An Inward Focus [The Heart]*

MATT. 5:21-22, 27-28;

7:21-23; 15:8, 9



His Teaching *vs.* Religious Leaders'

- Upholding God's Word *vs.* Human Traditions
 - *Religious Leaders: Their Fathers' Traditions*

MARK 7:1 1-13

- *Jesus: Taught Only God's Will*

JOHN 8:28; 12:50



Didn't Establish An Earthly Kingdom

- Many Looked For An Earthly Kingdom
 - *Some Thought It Was Imminent*

LUKE 19:11

- *Even His Closest Disciples!*

ACTS 1:6



Didn't Establish An Earthly Kingdom

- **The Nature Of His Kingdom**

- *Not Of This Earth*

JOHN 19:12; 18:36

- *Its Borders*

LUKE 17:20, 21



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Demands Repentance**

- *Some Teach Repentance Is Unnecessary*



"God loves you the way you are and God doesn't want you to change. God doesn't want you to be cured or healed, because there's nothing to be healed from."

— V. Gene Robinson
Episcopalian Bishop



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"Have fun, but give your life to God. God doesn't want you to change your character. He just wants your character working for Him."

— James Banks, Methodist Minister



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Demands Repentance**
 - *Some Teach Repentance Is Unnecessary*
 - *Jesus Demands Repentance!*

MATT. 9:13; ACTS 17:30, 31



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Requires We Put Him First**
 - *Some Call Him Lord, But In Word Only*
LUKE 6:46; 14:26
 - *Seek Him First; Give Him Preeminence*
MATT. 6:33; COL. 1:18



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Doesn't Permit Divorce For Any Cause**
 - *Some Do Not Really Accept His Words*

MATTHEW 19:1-9

– *What Jesus Taught*

MATT. 5:32; 19:9; 1ST COR. 7:10, 11



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- His Kingdom Still Not Of This Earth
 - *Some Are Still Looking For Such A Kingdom*
 - *His Kingdom Now Exists!*

**LUKE 19:12, 15; ACTS 2:30-33;
COL. 1:13**



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Demands Obedience**
 - *Some Think Salvation Is All God's Doing*
 - *He Demands Obedience*

MATT. 7:21; HEB. 5:9; JOHN 14:15



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- **He Still Demands A Spiritual Focus**

- *Some Are Earthly-Minded*

- *The Focus of God's People:*

1ST PET. 2:5; EPH. 2:22; 1:3;

JOHN 4:24



Still Isn't Who Some Want Him To Be

- We Conform To Him, Not Him To Us!
 - *Some Want A 'Jesus' That Only Approves*
 - *We Need To Believe & Accept The REAL Jesus!*

JOHN 8:24

