

The Life of Christ
Summer Book Study

Week Ten Discussion Questions

1. How can a Christian guard against compromising their beliefs when standing alone against a hostile or indifferent majority?

2. Why does Sheen argue that Christ staying on the Cross was a greater display of divinity than coming down would have been?

3. Why do you think one thief asked to be taken *down* from the cross while the other asked to be taken *up*, and what does this teach us about approaching God in our own trials?

4. How does Sheen differentiate between unspiritualized suffering that embitters the soul and redemptive suffering that purifies it?

5. Which of the Seven Words discussed by Sheen resonates most with your current personal struggles or spiritual journey?

6. Which of the seven words discussed in chapter 50 resonated with you the most, and how does Sheen unpack its spiritual meaning?

7. How can we practically apply Sheen's message about uniting our own personal sufferings to the cross of Christ?
8. How does the end of the physical Holy of Holies change how humanity approaches God?
9. In what ways does this chapter contrast the old, temporary rituals of the temple with the finality of Christ's self-offering?
10. How does Sheen interpret the simultaneous flow of blood and water from Christ's side?
11. Why does he suggest that standing before the Cross strips away all human excuses and rationalizations for wrongdoing?
12. Why is it significant that Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were previously secret or "night" disciples, and what forces them into the open here? What risks did these men take by publicly claiming the body of Jesus from Pilate at that specific moment? How does Sheen use their transformation to challenge the reader about practicing a timid or hidden faith when peer pressure or social cost is high?