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## "5 Things Jesus Did NOT Say" Bible Study #2 "Be true to yourself"

Introducing today's study: "Have you ever had someone tell someone else that you said something you never actually said? If so, you've probably found that your level of appropriate frustration was greater or smaller depending on how serious the misrepresentation was. But regardless, most of us (if not all of us) do not like the idea of somebody putting words in our mouth that were never actually there. And if you find that irritating you are catching a tiny glimpse of how God feels when fallen man does that very thing to Him." (www.lifeinchristministries.com)

**Questions to see where we sit:** What's this week's phrase mean to you? What is the danger in placing it in Jesus' mouth?

## I. Origins of "be true to yourself"

- "behaving according to your beliefs and doing what you think is right..." (www.dictionary.cambridge.org)
- "...being true to yourself and living authentically, despite what the status quo may say, means that you get to live the life that is meant for you. A life that doesn't ask you to shrink or fit in the box. You make the rules and the rest will follow." (itsnlp.com)
- **Danger!!!** "Jails are full of people who [commit to being any way they want] and don't care at all about the effect they have on others or the world." (huffpost.com)

## II. What Jesus actually says...

- 1. Matthew 16:24 -
- 2. Mark 8:34 -
- 3. Luke 9:23 -

**APPLICATION**: What *common theme* do you see in Jesus' words above? Why do you think Jesus *never* said this week's phrase?

**Words of Wisdom:** "We may be *in* the world, but we are not *of* it. We are daughters [and sons] of the Most High King, and it's what He says that matters." (www.faithfulfinishlines.com)