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- The promise of following Jesus is that it's worth everything.
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As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited Him home for a meal. So He went in and took His place at the table.

His host was amazed to see that He sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom. Then the Lord said to him, “**You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness!** Fools! Didn’t God make the inside as well as the outside? So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.”

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“Teacher,” said an expert in religious law, “You have insulted us, too, in what You just said.” “Yes,” said Jesus, “what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with unbearable religious demands, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden. What sorrow awaits you! For you build monuments for the prophets your own ancestors killed long ago. But in fact, you stand as witnesses who agree with what your ancestors did. They killed the prophets, and you join in their crime by building the monuments!”

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“This is what God in His wisdom said about you: ‘I will send prophets and apostles to them, but they will kill some and persecute the others.’ As a result, this generation will be held responsible for the murder of all God’s prophets from the creation of the world—from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, it will certainly be charged against this generation.”

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As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees became hostile and tried to provoke Him with many questions. They wanted to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him.”

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- Significance
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- Success
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- Comparison

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- Mission

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Fall/Sin	Any External Force that Oppresses the Inner Self
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Heaven	Everyone lives their inner self in harmony and achieves their dreams.

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John 3:1-3

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent You to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with You." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

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