

# Hard Sayings of Jesus

## I did not come to bring peace

Matthew 10:34

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### What is "Peace"?

- "a concept defined by the ideal state of relationship as absence of hostility" (Wikipedia)
- Jesus (Bible)
- Isaiah 9:6 – Prince of Peace
- Zechariah 6:13 – Counsel of peace
- Mark 9:50 – "be peace with one another"
- Luke 1:79 – guide into peace
- John 14:27 – "peace I give you"
- BUT ... ..

Jesus said "I did not come to bring peace, but a sword (or division in Luke 12:51)."

It is NOT a Contradiction

- The peace Jesus brings is not social and political
- The peace Jesus brings will cause division
- The peace Jesus brings is spiritual peace

It is a Commission to the disciples

- Adjust your view
- expect opposition
- decide for Christ

It is a Challenge to us

- The cost of following Christ is high
- "And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)
- "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)