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How Did We _____ ____ ?

1. All movements have things in _____.

- A charismatic leader brings a new message for culture.
- After the leader dies, his followers pick up leadership and keep the teaching alive.

2. Christianity doesn't fit the _____.

• Jesus' message was different.

Then Jesus told them, "Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him. Mark 12:17

"My kingdom is not of this world," said Jesus. "If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I wouldn't be handed over to the Jews. As it is, My kingdom does not have its origin here."

John 18:36

Jesus' message was all about ______

Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 14:9

3. When Jesus died, the _____ died with Him.

- There were no Christians the morning after the crucifixion.
- Jesus' followers had run away

How Did We Get Here?

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!".

John 20:1-2

But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women.

Luke 24:11

At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. Then following him, Simon Peter came also. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The wrapping that had been on His head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place all by itself. The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then entered the tomb, saw, and believed.

John 20:3-8

4. The message of the early church was

"You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this."

Acts 3:15

When they heard this, they came under deep conviction and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, what must we do?"

"Repent," Peter said to them, "and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 3:15

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV