

3 Which way ?

THE WAY TO CHRIST

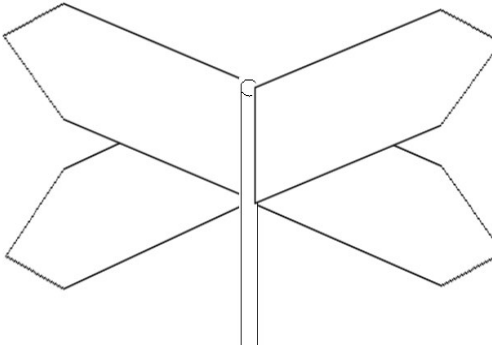
In our first session we looked back at **“The story of my life”**. I was once a baby, then a young child ... but not anymore ... I'm now a young person. Looking ahead. I'm looking forward now. My life in the future—and so many things and thoughts cross my mind. What should I do? What course should I go for? What job should I aim at? It feels as if I'm at a crossroads.

A At a crossroads

Think about what pressures you feel at this point in your life. What do you feel wanting to do in the coming few years and when you grow older. Jobs ... Family ... Leisure ... anything else ...

Write what they are in the spaces in the Crossroads sign. →

All decisions about the future are important. Great care is needed in thinking things through and deciding upon which way to take. But does being a Christian come into the equation? Does it affect any of my decisions? Should it?



B Decisions, decisions, decisions

What factors usually influence your decisions?

Three horizontal rectangular boxes for writing answers, arranged in a slightly overlapping sequence.

Do you ever consider what Jesus Christ says?

C Who is HE ?

Different people have very different views about Jesus. These are just three examples:

Eighty six years I have served Him, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who has saved me? (*St Polycarp before martyrdom*)



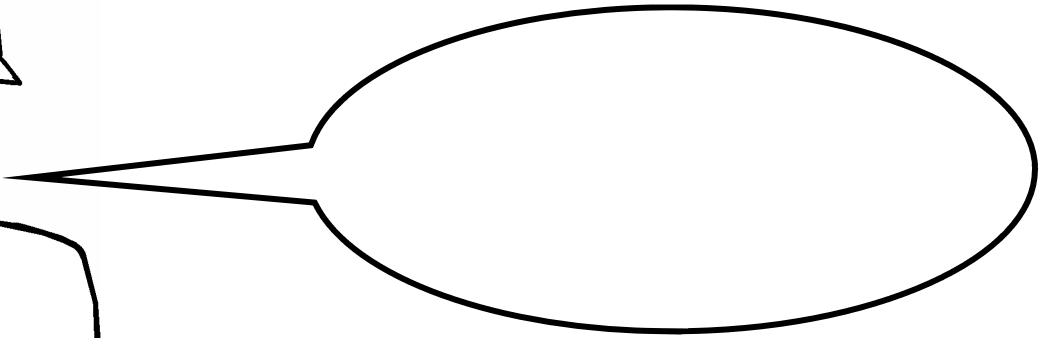
The word “Christianity” is already a misunderstanding – in reality there has been only one Christian, and he died on the Cross. (*Friedrich Nietzsche, atheist philosopher*)



Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but on what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him. (*Napoleon, French emperor, 1769-1821*)



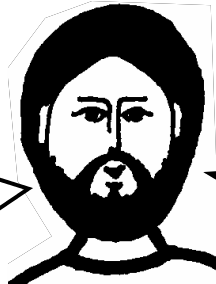
D And you? Who do you say he is?



E What did he HIMSELF say?

I am the Way; I am the Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

(John 14:6)



Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest.

(John 11:28)

F Following Him? All my life???

But what exactly does that mean?

Think about and write how following on Jesus' way would effect different aspects of your life:

WHAT I DO.
What's right and wrong?
(MORALS)

WHAT I BELIEVE?
(FAITH)

OTHER ISSUES

To help us do all this, take the right way and feel fulfilled in whatever we do he promised us **THE HELPER ... the HOLY SPIRIT.**

At Confirmation **YOU DECIDE.** You decide which part you want Jesus the Lord to play in your life. Whether you want him to be with you all the time. Whether you want to walk your life journey together with him. **YOU DECIDE** which way. With him? Or without.