

# The Gospel of Mark

*“Powerful Life-Changing Encounters With Jesus Christ”  
Has your life yet been touched by the Master?*

## 26 Character Studies:

### The Disciples Call

*Immediately they followed him. – Mark 1:3*

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Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee.’*

#### **Mark 1:16-19**

*As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.*

#### **Mark 3:16-19**

*These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder); Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

Mark 2:13-14 Matthew, the Levi's Call

Mark 6:7-13 The Disciples Sent Out

Mark 13:34 Each Man Given a Task

Mark 14:54 Peter followed afar off

Mark 16:15 The Disciples Continuing Mission and Call

# Consider The Disciples

## John 21:21

17. The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19. Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" 20. Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") 21. When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" **(KJV Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?)** 22. Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

## Lists of Apostles Names

Mark has comments about the disciples peppered throughout his narratives.

**Mark 13:34** "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch."

Mark 3:16-19	Matthew 10:1-3	Luke 6:12	Acts 1:13
Simon Peter			
James son of Zebedee			
John (Bonaegers)			
Andrew			
Philip			
Bartholomew			
Matthew			
Thomas			
James son of Alphaeus			
Thaddeus (Jude)			
Simon the Zealot			
Judas Iscariot			

# I. A Disciple is Called to Follow

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**There are 31 commands in the Gospels to “follow” the Lord**

- ?? To follow in his footsteps, teachings, behavior, and teachings
- ?? To imitate (ie) The End of the Spear – Jim Elliot and Nate Saint
- ?? To be like him

## **Come Now!**

**1205 deute *dyoo'-teh* (Jesus to James and John) Mark 1:17**

from 1204 and an imperative form of eimi (to go); ;adv

AV-come 12, follow+3694 1; 13

1) come hither, come here, come

2) **interjection, come!, come now!**

## **March With Me, Join Me**

**0190 akoloutheo *ak-ol-oo-theh'-o* (Levi – accompany, join me)**

from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); TDNT-1:210,33; v **Mark 2:14**

AV-follow 91, reach 1; 92

1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him

2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple

2a) side with his party

## **Imitators/Followers**

*Not impostors, but followers, exact mirror images.*

In I Corinthians 11:1, Paul admonishes us to be followers of him, as he followed Christ. The Greek word for “followers” is Strong’s # 3402, *mimetes*, a noun, from #3401, mimeomai, a verb, meaning, “to imitate, or follow.” Before the days of Xerox copiers, we made copies with a mimeograph machine. Back then, it was easy to distinguish between the original and the copy. Modern copy machines, however, make copies almost indistinguishable from the original.

**Mark 14:54** And Peter **followed him afar off**, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

## II. A Disciple is Called to Be Like His Lord

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(ie) Jesus had a look-alike, a double, a James, son of Alphaeus.

Matthew 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord.

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

John 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

*"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."  
— Acts 4:13*

?? How are you like Jesus?

?? How do others see Jesus in you?

?? What Jesus do they see in you.

*Does anyone know you've walked with Jesus?*

*You are the only Jesus some will ever see.*

**2 Corinthians 3:2-3** You yourselves are our (epistle) letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts

Song: Be like Jesus this my song, in the home and in the throng, be like Jesus all day long, I would be like Jesus.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

**WWJD**

**What Would Jesus Do?**

**What Would Jesus Say?**

**What Would Jesus Tell Them?**

### III. A Disciple is Called to Die

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Die to self, selfish living, living for one’s own purpose and pleasure.

#### (ie) End of the Spear (2006)

"End of the Spear" is the story of Mincayani, a **Waodani tribesman** from the jungles of Ecuador. When five young missionaries, among them Jim Elliot and Nate Saint, are speared to death by the Waodani in 1956, a series of events unfold to change the lives of not only the slain missionaries' families, but also Mincayani and his people.

#### Lose His Life

Matthew 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will **lose his life** for my sake shall find it.

**Mark 8:35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall **lose his life** for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

**Luke 9:23** And he said to *them* all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will **lose his life** for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luke 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, Lord, I will **follow** thee whithersoever thou goest. 59 And he said unto another, **Follow** me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will **follow** thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

**Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Romans 1:1 Paul, a **servant** (doulos, slave) **of** Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

**Galatians 2:20** **I am crucified with Christ:** nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Philippians 3:7-8** But what things were gain to me, those I counted **loss** for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* **loss** for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the **loss** of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

#### **Philippians 3:12**

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

#### (ie) Story of Thomas in India

*The encounter with Jesus becomes powerful when you obey him and follow.*