

# Who is JESUS?

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The Example to Follow

Jesus fulfilled hundreds of Old Testament prophecies. He matched the fingerprint God had provided so that people could know when the Savior had arrived. Jesus was real. He was really born to a real mother in a real place. He really grew up and lived a real life. Jesus isn't a myth or a fairytale. Jesus was a real person. And Jesus really died. He really gave his life for our sins. But Jesus didn't stay dead, and that proves he is the Son of God.

So 2,000 years after he lived, died, and was raised, why should we care? What does all that have to do with us? Why should we pay attention? Why is it still worth learning about today? Because Jesus is THE example—the BEST example of all—to follow.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

(1 Pet 2:21)

Jesus himself told the apostles on his last night with them before his death on the cross:

“For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

(John 13:15)



All along, Jesus was looking for more than attention. He was seeking more than people who would just listen to what he had to say. From the very beginning, Jesus has been looking for followers. What's that going to look like for us today? As he who is calling us is holy, we need to learn to be holy in all our conduct (1 Pet 1:14-16). Listen to how Paul made it clear to young Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12:

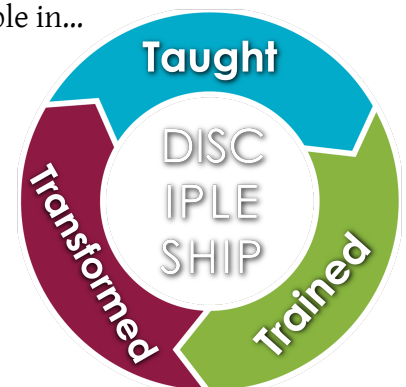
Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in...

- ❖ Speech: what I say
- ❖ Conduct: how I act
- ❖ Love: how I treat
- ❖ Faith: what I believe
- ❖ Purity: what I am

Jesus is THE example to follow and as we follow him, we are being trained to be like him.

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40)

The more we follow him, the more we will grow to be like Jesus, so let's talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- We heard several passages calling us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus (1 Pet 2:21; John 13:15). Paul even gave us some real-life pointers. When you look at this list from 1 Timothy 4:12, what moments come to mind from the life of Jesus? When and where was he the BEST example worth following when it comes to...
  - ❖ Speech: what I say?
  - ❖ Conduct: how I act?
  - ❖ Love: how I treat?
  - ❖ Faith: what I believe?
  - ❖ Purity: what I am?
- Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12, “Let no one despise you for your youth.” What do you think he meant by that?
- How can we, even when we are very young, “set the believers an example”? Why does my example matter so much?
- In 1 Peter 1:14-16, we heard the call to “be holy” in all our conduct “as he who called” us is holy. In your own words, what does that mean? When we talk about being “holy,” does that mean we’re perfect and never make any mistakes? If not, what does it mean?
- “A disciples is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40). Why is that the perfect place to land our study of “Who is Jesus?”