

How to Follow Jesus

The Gospel of John, part 2

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They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

John 1:38-39 (NLT)

How to be a modern-day disciple

1. A follower of Jesus brings others to see Jesus

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

John

1:40-42 (NLT)

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2. A follower of Jesus cultivates a love of scripture

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46 (NLT)

3. A follower of Jesus develops true character

As (Philip and Nathanael) approached, Jesus said, 'Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.'

John

1:47 (NLT)

4. A follower of Jesus embraces an eager faith

'How do you know about me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, 'I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.' Then Nathanael exclaimed, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!' Jesus asked him, 'Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.' Then he said, 'I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.'

John 1:48-51 (NLT)

