

Following Christ

2 Timothy 1

Jesus call to his disciples

- *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

Matt. 16:24.

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

1 Cor. 11:1

*“I urge you, then, **be imitators of me.** That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.”*

1 Cor. 4:16

*“Brothers, **join in imitating me**, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

Phil. 3:17-21

"But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. **Follow the pattern** of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you."

2 Tim 1:13

Following Christ will cost you

“Deny yourself, and take up your cross and
Follow me”

The Majesty of Jesus Christ the King

- **King of kings, Lord of Lords, higher than the heavens. (Rev. 17:16)**
- **All nations are as the drop of the bucket (Is. 40:15)**
- **He is heir of all things (Heb.1:2)**
- **He upholds the universe by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3)**
- **His throne is forever (Heb. 1:8)**
- **He laid the foundations of the earth (Heb. 1:8; Ps. 102:25-27)**
- **He is unchanging (Heb. 1:12)**
- **The King of King who has heaven for his throne and earth His footstool. (Is. 66:1-5)**
- **His kingdom is everlasting. (Ps. 145:13)**

The Majesty of Jesus Christ the King

- All things created by, through, and for Him. (Col. 1:16-17)
- He works all things according to the council of His will. (Eph. 1:11)
- To the lame man “pick up your pallet and walk” (Mark 2:11)
- He has authority to say "your sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5)
- To the storm he says "be quiet" and it obeys (Mark 4:39)
- To the demons they kneel before Him and plead for mercy. (Mark 5:6)
- To the dead girl he says little Girl "get up" (Mark 5:41)
- This is the Lion of the tribe of Judah!!! (Rev. 5:5)

The humility of Christ

- **He condescends to lower than the angels. (Heb. 2:7)**
- **He condescends to poor humans**
 - **not just great men**
 - **the poor of the world (James 2:5.)**
 - **servants, people of most despised nations. (Luke 16:22)**
 - **Tax collectors and prostitutes (Matt. 21:31)**
 - **He loves the most sinful creatures and deserving of judgement**
- **He is content with no place to lay his head (Matt. 19:14)**
- **He chooses poverty, contempt, scoffing..... Instead of greatness.**
- **He willingly sustains the form of a servant (Is.42:1; 49:1-7)**

The humility of Christ

- **He endured such great sufferings on our behalf...**
 - *"Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example**, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."*

1 Pet. 2:20-24

The humility of Christ

- **Who prayed so fervently for those who persecuted Him. (Luke 23:34)**
- **Who went as a lamb to the slaughter. (Is. 53)**
- **With perfect obedience and submission**
- **Even when His sweat was drops of Blood (Luke 22:44)**
- **“If it be possible let this cup pass.... Nevertheless not as I will but as you will.” (Matt. 26:39.)**

"Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Matt. 16:24.

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