



Apprenticed to Jesus, the Truth

Listen! Apprenticeship programs are powerful tools for training, for building expertise.

Question: How can we be apprenticed to Jesus since He is not physically here?

To be a disciple in the first century involved significant effort.

- Follow Me:
- Learn from Me:
 - What Jesus knew:
 - What Jesus felt:
 - What Jesus did:
- Mark 3:14:
- “Sitting at Jesus’ feet” means:
- “May you always be covered by the dust of your rabbi.” First century blessing.

Jesus our Mentor, unfailingly, lived a life of truth.

- Jesus studied the truth: knowledge.
- Jesus lived the truth: integrity and obedience.
- Jesus spoke the truth: connecting others with reality.
- Jesus challenged falsehood: courage.
- Jesus was the Truth: the exact representation of the nature of God.

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- Be with Him:
- Imitate Him:
- Study His life in the Gospels:

For Example: My apprenticeship to a mule packer.

So what will you do? If you hear this truth about the importance of apprenticeship to Jesus (Mark 3:14, etc.) and do not do anything you are mocking God. So what will you do in order to apprentice yourself to Jesus this week?

I will _____.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

Central Truth: We gain truth in our lives primarily through an apprenticeship to Jesus.

Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** Please make a personal commitment to spend more time with Jesus this week and this year. I said in the message that one of the main ways to do this is to study the Gospels. Would you commit to this?
- **Monday:** What are the other ways to spend time with Jesus, to be His apprentice?
- **Tuesday:** What is the evidence in your life that "You are always covered with the dust of your Rabbi?"
- **Wednesday:** What could and would you do in order to:
 - Think more like Jesus?
 - Feel more like Jesus?
 - Act more like Jesus?
 - What do you think about the assertion that Jesus, as a whole Person, was more than just a Thinker?
- **Thursday:** How do you need to come to a better grasp of intellectual truth? What about reading *Love God with all Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul* by J. P. Moreland or *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview* by J. P. Moreland and William Lane Craig?
- **Friday:** What could you do to become a person who has more of the emotions that Jesus had?
- **Saturday:** What is the major way in your life that you need to act more like Jesus? Will you start today?
- **Bonus Question at no additional charge:** Would you be willing to undertake, in 2008, a serious and systematic study of the Gospels, or one Gospel, with a view to "Being covered by the dust of your Rabbi?"