

Christ's Ministry:
"Behold, I Am Making
All Things New" Rev. 21:5

Christ Began with the End in Mind

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CHRIST'S MISSION:
"To Seek and Save that
which was Lost." Luke 15; 19:10

In order to Make Fully Discipled
Worshipers for the Father.

John 4:23

"An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

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CHRIST'S METHOD:

Radical Difference: His training; message; behavior; choice of friends and followers; teaching (Matt. 7:28-29)

Radical Identification: He met the needs and spoke to the heart of each person to whom He ministered; especially those on the outside—tax gathers, sinners, non-Jews

CHRIST'S MODEL: Holy Character

"A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher." Luke 6:40

"Now as they observed... Peter and John they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

CHRIST'S TRAINING MODE: A Life Imparted to A Life

Back to Issues of Identity: Older/Younger

Persecuted

Learner

Sufferer

Discipler

Bond-slave



Christ's Strategy was built around 4 Calls

Each successive call brought the disciples into a closer personal relationship which required greater commitment.



The Four Calls of Discipleship

"Come and See"
John 1:39

Seeker

No Commitment

Ministry to the Multitude (1 Command)

3-6 months

"Come and Follow Me" Mt. 4:19

New Believer

Commitment to Watch and Learn; Share what you know

Capture the Master's Mission (1 Command)

9 months

"Come and Be with Me" Mark 3:14

Adolescent Believer

Commitment to
Count the Cost &
Communicate the
Message

Carry the Master's Mission (28 Commands)

18-24 months

"Remain in Me"
John 15:1-11

Mature Believer

Commitment to Finish Your Course

Complete the Master's Mission (3 Commands)

Lifetime

These are the Greek Imperitives that Christ spoke to his disciples in the course of the three years He spent with them. They can be identified, categorized and should be taught to every follower of His if we want to obey what He said to us.



There are approximately 33 separate topics which Jesus taught didactically (systematically) and dialectically (in the teachable moment). These were the core teachings handed down by the apostles for close to 20 years before we have our earliest recorded epistle.

Some of these Topics Include: Forgiveness, Servanthood, Cross-Bearing, Fear, Moral Purity, Judging, Abiding, Confrontation, Paying Taxes, etc.

Nearly 1/3 are found in the Sermon on the Mount



When Properly Understood these teachings explain the New Testament...

- ...Commanded in the GOSPELS
- ...Illustrated and practiced in ACTS
- ... Amplified and Failures Corrected in the

EPISTLES

...Judged by them in REV. 1-3

Where do you fit in?

You should either be discipled or be making disciples. Matthew 28: 19-20

- 1) Repent and Believe on Jesus, John 1:12
- 2) Be Baptized

CHRIST'S FINAL CALL: REV. 21: 5-7; 22:12-14, 16-17

"COME AND BE WITH ME...
REMAIN WITH ME"

