

Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus

This week – completing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3v16.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 2v1-12 ('He is Risen, as He said He would')	
Monday	Luke 2v13-24 (Two Disciples on the Emmaus Road)	
Tuesday	Luke 24v25-35 (The Lord makes Himself known)	
Wednesday	Luke 24v36-53 (The Risen Lord meets His Disciples)	
Thursday	John 14v1-20 (Promise of Heaven and The Comforter)	
Friday	Acts 1v1-14 (The Risen Lord Ascends to Heaven)	
Saturday	1 John 1v1-10 (Sincerely confessed sin is forgiven)	

Hymn 370 - reminding us that the Lord Jesus has made a way into Heaven for saved sinners:

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| <p>1. O precious words that Jesus said!
‘The soul that comes to Me,
I will in no wise cast him out,
Whoever he may be.’</p> <p>2. O precious words that Jesus said!
‘Behold, I am the Door;
And all that enter in by Me
Have life for evermore.’</p> | <p>3. O precious words that Jesus said!
‘Come, weary souls oppressed,
Come, take My yoke, and learn of Me,
And I will give you rest.’</p> <p>4. O precious words that Jesus said!
‘The world I overcame.
And they who follow where I lead
Shall conquer in My Name.’</p> |
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Paul wrote, *“And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places”.*
Ephesians 1v19,20.

Revision - The Lord Met The People’s Needs.

1. A Young Couple – Mary and Joseph – Descendants of King David.

- Lived at Nazareth, Engaged, Angel Gabriel visits - The promised Saviour to be Born.
- Mary knew she needed a Saviour - accepting God’s will for her life - had great Joy.

Mary praised God, her Saviour – Do You Know Him and praise Him as your Saviour?

Please turn over.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Revision Continued.

2. Working Men – The Shepherds of Bethlehem - Tough Men.

- Dangerous work. Received surprising news at night. Went to the stable to worship.
- Aware of God’s great glory and holiness, received the message with reverent awe.

Have you, like them, acted, without delay, on what you have heard?

3. An Army Officer – A Centurion – Well Trained – A Commander of Men.

- Responsible post, His servant was dying, He asked Jesus to come to his house.
- Felt unworthy. Humbly believed Jesus is God - that He could heal by a command.

He believed in a way that the Lord commended. Do you humbly believe?

4. A Housekeeper – Mary, Who Lived With Her Sister, Martha.

- She stopped work - thinking it more important to listen to Jesus. Martha annoyed.
- She put the Lord first, listened carefully, Jesus said she had made the best choice.

Will you turn from your busyness, to make the best decision, to listen to the Lord?

5. A Wealthy Tax Collector – Zaccheus - Lived in Jericho.

- Became very rich by taking more than he should, climbed a tree to listen secretly.
- Obeyed the Lord, glad to have Him at his house, repented, gave back sinful gains.

Zaccheus’ repentant heart was completely changed to obey his Lord. Is yours?

6. A Street Woman – Washed Christ’s Feet With Her Tears & Ointment.

- A notoriously sinful woman, gate crashed a Pharisees’ house to worship the Lord.
- She knew He was the Saviour, so she washed His feet with tears and expensive ointment.
- Tears of gratitude overwhelmed her because the Lord forgave all her sin.

Are you willing to give your all to the Lord out of gratitude for His forgiveness?

7. Two Possible Recruits – Shown The Right Way To Follow Jesus.

- Volunteered in the wrong spirit. ‘Yes Lord, **but**’ - other interests more important.
- Rejected by the Lord - trying to follow Jesus BUT also wanted to stay in this world.

Are we making the same mistake, wanting this world more than the Saviour?

8. Children – The Saviour Welcomes All Ages To Come To Him.

- The Disciples turned them away, but Jesus said, ‘Let them come to Me’.
- Young People more easily understand the need of forgiveness from their Creator.

Jesus bids you come to Him in faith and repentance while young. Have you come?

9. A Sorrowing Widow – Who Met The Lord of Life at Her Son’s Funeral.

- The sorrowing widow discovered that **only Christ** had the power to give life.
- He is the Resurrection and the Life. The crowd witnessed His almighty power.

They all realised that God had met with them to save. Have you met with Him yet?

10. A Dying Thief – Who Repented And Was Saved At Calvary.

- A criminal who did not have long to live. But at first, he had no time for the Lord.
- He realised that Jesus was God, dying to save sinners like him. He prayed, ‘Lord remember me’. Accepting his repentance, The Lord took him into Eternal Heaven.

Two thieves who were physically very close to the Lord died that day.

Sadly, one rejected Christ, but one repented and believed. What about you?