

Week #2 – Walking As Jesus Walked

LOOK DOWN

What did Jesus intend for his disciples to do?

Then he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:12-17 (esp. 14)

What are we to do? _____

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:33-35 (esp. 34)

What are we to do? _____

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:11-14 (esp. 12)

What are we to do? _____

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:9-12 (esp. 10, 12)

What are we to do? _____

What did John expect of Jesus’ disciples?

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:3-6 (esp. 6)

What are we to do? _____

What did Peter expect of Jesus' disciples?

Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. *1 Peter 2:18-21 (esp. 21)*

What are we to do? _____

LOOK OUT:

What do you think prevents Christians from making Jesus the pattern for their lives?

LOOK IN: 1 John 2:1-10

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Application questions to ponder.



- **Who do you now pattern your life after?**
- **Why?**
- **What needs to change in your heart and habits to set in motion (or enhance) your priority to “walk as Jesus walked”?**



IN PREPARATION FOR WEEK #3

Week 2 ~ Monday: Was Jesus Fully God?

Note what each verse tells us about Jesus' deity.

John 1:1-3

John 5:16-18

John 5:31-37

John 10:30, 38

Colossians 1:15-18

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus clearly claimed that He was God. People worshipped Him as God, and He never refused their worship. The reason the Jewish officials crucified Jesus was because His bold claims to be God sounded to them like blasphemy. Never doubt it: Jesus was fully God.

For Deeper Reflection

What are some of the implications of Jesus being fully God?

What can happen in our Christian life if we fail to understand that Jesus was fully God?

Week 2 ~ Tuesday: Was Jesus Fully Human?

Note what each verse tells us about Jesus' humanity.

Isaiah 53:1-3

Matthew 4:2

Luke 2:6-7, 11

Luke 2:52

John 4:4-7

John 11:35

John 19:30, 33

Philippians 2:7

Hebrews 2:14, 17

For Deeper Reflection

Which of the above passages about Jesus' humanity is most difficult for you to understand? Explain why.

Read Matthew 13:53-56 aloud.

- *Why do you think those closest to Jesus had the hardest time believing He was the Messiah?*
- *What does this tell us about His humanity?*



Week 2 ~ Wednesday: Jesus and His Miracles

Many assume that miracles proved Jesus was God because only God can do miracles. (We are going to challenge that assumption.)

Look at John 10:31-32, 38. According to Jesus, where did His power to perform miracles come from?

Look at Acts 2:22 and 10:38. Who performed these miracles?

Look at Luke 5:17. How did Jesus perform the miracle?

Over (30) miracles of Jesus are recorded.

The miracles did not prove His divinity as much as prove His Messianship.

According to Luke 4:18-21, what does the scripture say concerning the coming Messiah and the signs of His coming?

Read Luke 7:20-22. What proof did Jesus give to John that He was the coming Messiah?

What does Acts 3:11-16 tell us about the source of miracles?

In our humanity, we are simply vessels of God's power. This is what Jesus modeled for us and taught His disciples. Jesus always acknowledged His Father as the source of His power. Likewise, the disciples acknowledged Jesus as the source of their power. What does this tell us about how a fully human person is to live?

For Deeper Reflection

When Jesus performed a miracle, whom did He acknowledge as the source of His power?

What does that tell us about true humanity?

As you reflect on this study, how does this change your view of Jesus and/or true humanity?

Week 2 ~ Thursday: Jesus and Knowledge

On more than one occasion Jesus seems to demonstrate supernatural knowledge. Isn't this evidence that Jesus used His God card to know things in advance? Not necessarily. Let's consider another possible option.

Read through John 13:1-11 and record three things Jesus knew in advance.

Can you think of any way Jesus could have known these things without using His God card?

What do the following verses tell us about God's desire to reveal things to His children?

- *Proverbs 3:32*
- *Amos 3:7*

What does Luke 24:27 & John 19:28 tell us about where Jesus' knowledge came from?

For Deeper Reflection

What do Proverbs 3:32 & Amos 3:7 tell us about God's desire to relate to us personally?

What does this tell us about God's character?

Describe a time when the Lord revealed His plan to you in advance. How have you learned to discern whether that plan is from the Spirit? (Consider Acts 13:2-3 & Acts 15:27.)



Week 1 ~ Friday: Jesus, the Second Adam

What do you discover about the pre-incarnate Christ in these verses?

Genesis 2:18-22. What was the first thing that God declared to be “not good”, and how did God remedy it?

For a period of time Adam & Eve experienced a fully human lifestyle as God intended man to live. What aspect of that perfectly human lifestyle, unmarred by sin, do you most long for?

Jesus defines what true humanity should look like. Jesus was like Adam before Adam sinned. We need to see in Jesus the model of how true humanity is to be lived out.

Reflect on these verses and write down their new meaning to you as you reflect upon what Christ did for you.

- *I Corinthians 15:20-22*

- *I Corinthians 15:45-57*

For Deeper Reflection

Reread Hebrews 2:14-3:1 aloud. What does this passage say to you about Christ’s humanity?

What aspects of Christ’s humanity are most difficult for you to grasp?

What questions do you still have about Christ’s humanity?