

Walking As He Walked

All of us have been an example to others in the past, and all of us have followed the example of others in the past. We will be an example to others. We tend to follow the example of others. But the best example we have is the Lord Jesus Christ. John wrote, "*He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked*" (1 John 2:6). Now Jesus is the perfect example because He was God in the flesh and He lived the perfect life. After a person is saved, his life has been changed (2 Corinthians 5:17). After a person is saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, they must walk as He walked. We must follow His example. For the balance of this article, let's look at just a few examples from Matthew and see some of the examples of Jesus which we should follow:

- Jesus Christ was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17). I should be baptized. Baptism washes away our sins and puts us into Christ. Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. He had no sin, but demonstrated its necessity.
- Jesus Christ resisted sin (Matthew 4:1-11). I should resist sin. The Lord went back to the word when tempted. If I can go back to the word by reading my Bible or remembering a passage of scripture during a time of temptation, I can resist sin.
- Jesus Christ served (Matthew 8:1-4). I should serve. Although I cannot serve in a miraculous capacity, I can help my fellow man. I can and should help by furnishing physical needs or by providing for their spiritual needs through teaching and exhortation.
- Jesus Christ had compassion (Matthew 9:35-38). I should have compassion. I should do my very best to teach others about God's plan of redemption in Christ. Only by teaching can the kingdom of God grow.
- Jesus Christ pleased the Father (Matthew 17:1-5). I should please the Father. Jesus pleased the Father because He did His commandments. All I simply have to do is follow those commandments as well. Those commandments are not grievous or burdensome.
- Jesus Christ had faith (Matthew 17:14-21). I should have faith. Even a small amount of faith can produce wonderful results in my journey to heaven. Faith is an absolute must for a child of God. I should always let my faith grow by hearing the word of God.

Again, these are only a few examples. The challenge is to study and find the examples the Lord left for us and then do our faithful best to "*walk even as he walked.*" May God bless us unto this end.

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