

The Life of Christ Series

Knowing Jesus Christ, Following His Example, Living His Mission

Key Scripture

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Introduction

Jesus Christ is the centre of the Christian faith. His life, teachings, miracles, death, resurrection, and ascension reveal the heart of God and provide the perfect example of how believers are called to live.

The purpose of this series is not simply to study the historical life of Jesus, but to become more like Him in our thoughts, attitudes, actions, and relationships. Every disciple is called to know Christ personally, follow Him faithfully, and continue His mission of making disciples.

At **Disciple Nations**, we believe that the more we know Jesus, the more we reflect His character and fulfil His purpose for our lives.

Lesson 1: The Birth and Purpose of Jesus Christ

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 1:18–25
- Luke 2:1–20
- Isaiah 9:6

- John 3:16

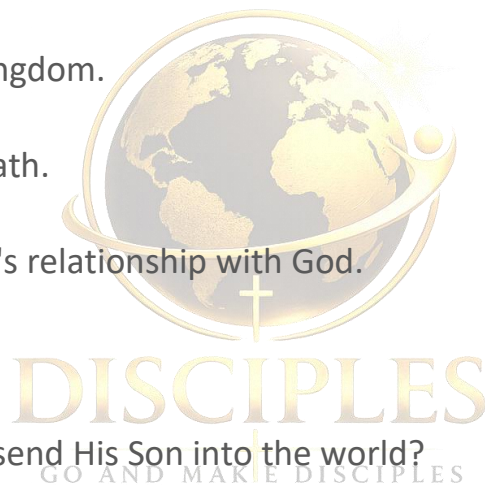
Learning Objectives

Jesus came into the world as God's promised Messiah.

His birth fulfilled prophecy and revealed God's plan of salvation for humanity.

Jesus came to:

- Reveal the Father.
- Save sinners.
- Establish God's Kingdom.
- Defeat sin and death.
- Restore humanity's relationship with God.



Reflection

Why did God choose to send His Son into the world?

Lesson 2: The Early Life of Jesus

Key Scriptures

- Luke 2:41–52
- Matthew 2:13–23

Although little is recorded about Jesus' childhood, Scripture reveals His commitment to growing in wisdom and obedience.

Lessons from His Early Years

- He honoured His earthly parents.
- He valued God's house.
- He desired to know His Father's will.
- He grew spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.

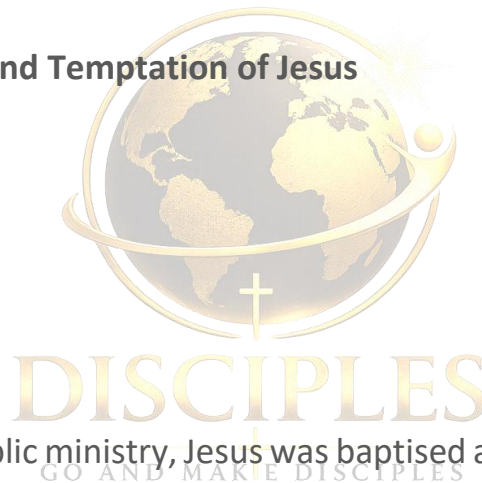
Practical Application

Spiritual growth begins long before public ministry.

Lesson 3: The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 3:13–17
- Matthew 4:1–11



Before beginning His public ministry, Jesus was baptised and led into the wilderness where He was tempted by Satan.

What We Learn

- Obedience comes before ministry.
- The Holy Spirit empowers believers.
- God's Word is our greatest weapon against temptation.
- Victory comes through dependence on God.

Lesson 4: The Teachings of Jesus

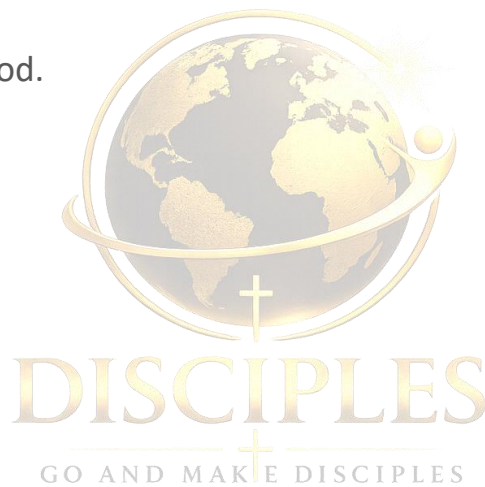
Key Scriptures

- Matthew 5–7
- Luke 6
- Matthew 13

Jesus taught with authority and clarity.

His teachings focused on:

- The Kingdom of God.
- Love.
- Forgiveness.
- Faith.
- Prayer.
- Humility.
- Holiness.
- Obedience.
- Eternal life.



Reflection

Which teaching of Jesus challenges your life the most?

Lesson 5: The Miracles of Jesus

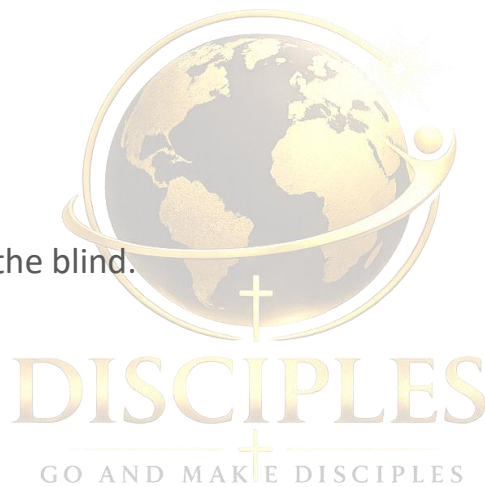
Key Scriptures

- John 2
- Mark 4
- Matthew 14
- John 11

Jesus demonstrated God's power through miracles.

He:

- Healed the sick.
- Restored sight to the blind.
- Raised the dead.
- Fed the hungry.
- Cast out demons.
- Calmed storms.



His miracles revealed His compassion, authority, and divine identity.

Lesson 6: Jesus and His Disciples

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 4:18–22
- Mark 3:13–19

- Luke 9:1–6

Jesus intentionally invested in twelve ordinary people.

He taught them through:

- Personal example.
- Daily life.
- Prayer.
- Ministry.
- Correction.
- Encouragement.
- Hands-on experience.



Leadership Principle

Great leaders invest in people before programmes.

Lesson 7: The Compassion of Christ

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 9:35–38
- Mark 1:40–45
- Luke 7:11–17

Jesus saw people through eyes of compassion.

He cared for:

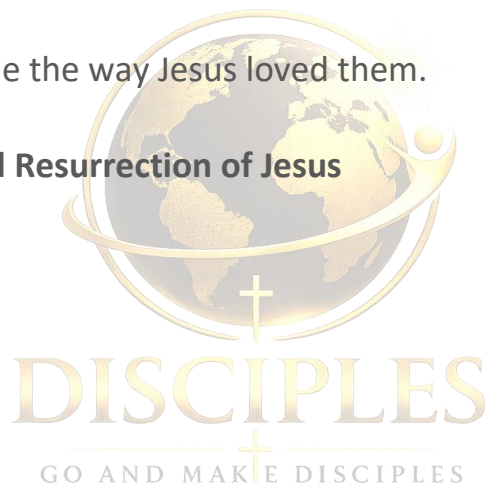
- The poor.
- The sick.
- Children.
- Widows.
- Sinners.
- Outcasts.
- The brokenhearted.

True disciples love people the way Jesus loved them.

Lesson 8: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 26–28
- John 19–20
- Luke 23–24



The cross is the foundation of our salvation.

Jesus willingly gave His life for the sins of the world.

Through His resurrection:

- Sin was defeated.
- Death was conquered.
- Salvation became available to everyone who believes.

Without the resurrection, there is no Gospel.

Lesson 9: The Great Commission

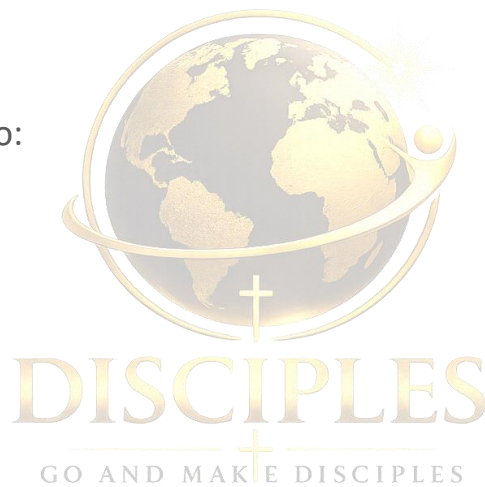
Key Scriptures

- Matthew 28:18–20
- Mark 16:15
- Acts 1:8

Before returning to heaven, Jesus commissioned His followers to continue His mission.

Every believer is called to:

- Share the Gospel.
- Make disciples.
- Baptise believers.
- Teach God's Word.
- Depend upon the Holy Spirit.



The mission of Jesus continues through His Church.

Lesson 10: Living Like Christ Today

Key Scriptures

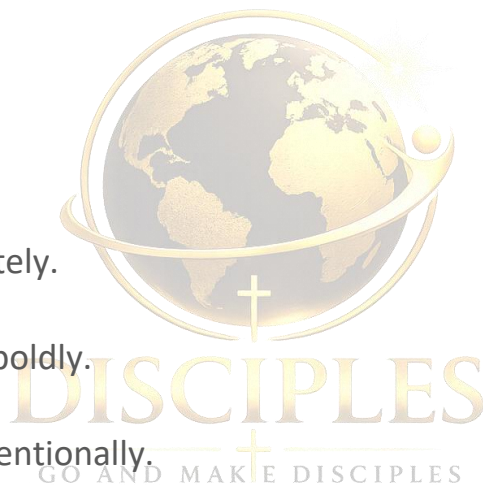
- Romans 12:1–2
- Galatians 2:20

- Philippians 2:5
- 1 Peter 2:21

Following Jesus is a daily commitment.

We are called to:

- Love unconditionally.
- Forgive freely.
- Serve humbly.
- Pray faithfully.
- Walk in holiness.
- Trust God completely.
- Share the Gospel boldly.
- Make disciples intentionally.



The goal of every disciple is not merely to admire Jesus but to imitate Him.

Weekly Application

Choose one area of Jesus' life to imitate intentionally.

You might:

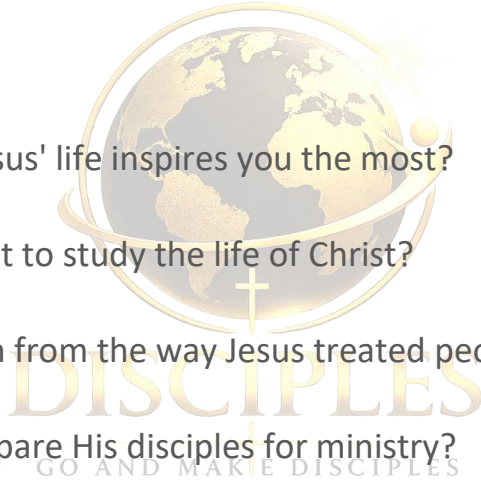
- Forgive someone who has hurt you.
- Spend extra time in prayer.
- Help someone in need.

- Share your testimony.
- Encourage another believer.
- Study one Gospel chapter each day.
- Invite someone to church or Bible study.
- Show compassion to someone who feels overlooked.

Ask yourself each day:

"How can I reflect Christ today?"

Discussion Questions

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1. What aspect of Jesus' life inspires you the most?
 2. Why is it important to study the life of Christ?
 3. What can we learn from the way Jesus treated people?
 4. How did Jesus prepare His disciples for ministry?
 5. Which teaching of Jesus has most impacted your life?
 6. How can you reflect Christ more effectively in your home, workplace, or community?
 7. In what practical ways can you continue the mission of Jesus today?

Memory Verse

"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." 1 John 2:6

Let us Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to reveal Your love and provide the way of salvation. Help us to know Him more deeply, follow Him more faithfully, and become more like Him every day. Teach us to walk in humility, compassion, holiness, and obedience. Empower us through the Holy Spirit to continue His mission of making disciples and proclaiming the Gospel to all nations. May our lives reflect the character of Christ and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Know Christ. Follow Christ. Become Like Christ.

Be a Disciple. Make Disciples. Transform Nations.

