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LUKE 6:12-16

...Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them... ¹⁴Simon (whom he named **Peter**), his brother **Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,** ¹⁵**Matthew, Thomas, James** son of Alphaeus, **Simon** who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶**Judas** son of James, and **Judas Iscariot**, who became a traitor.

PETER **HAD PROBLEMS:** MATT 18:21-22 MATT 14:30-31 MATT 16:22-23 MATT 26:75

BUT PETER ALSO SHOWED **PROMISE:**

JOHN 6:68 ESV

"Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life...**"

MATTHEW 16:15-16 ESV

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

JOHN 13:8-9 NIV

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord...**not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!**"

JOHN 1:35-42

SEE ALSO: MATTHEW 4:18-22, MARK 1:16-20, LUKE 5:2-11

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus...⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, **"You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas"** (which, when translated, is Peter).

ANSWERING HIS CALL **TODAY:**

1. HE KNOWS YOUR PAST, AND **HE ALONE HOLDS YOUR FUTURE.**
2. WHATEVER YOUR REPUTATION, ANSWERING HIS CALL WILL GIVE YOU **A NEW ONE.**
3. HE KNOWS THE NAMES YOU'VE CHOSEN (OR EARNED) FOR YOURSELF. **BUT HE WILL CALL YOU BY YOUR TRUE NAME.**

ISAIAH 43:1 NLT

...**listen to the LORD** who created you...who formed you...says,

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. **I have called you by name; you are mine.**"

FOCUS LESS ON WHAT YOU'RE KNOWN FOR.

FOCUS MORE ON WHAT HE'S KNOWN FOR.

ON YOUR OWN:

How Jesus was Similar to other 1st Century Jewish Rabbis

Jesus shared enough similarities with contemporary teachers that others would naturally address him as "Rabbi".

- **Teaching on the Move:** Like other rabbis, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, taught in synagogues as well as outdoor settings, and depended on hospitality to meet daily needs.
- **Maintaining a Following:** The aim of a Rabbi's disciples (or *talmidim*) would be to "cover themselves with the dust of their rabbi's feet": memorizing his exact teachings, adopting his philosophies and interpretations of Moses's Law, and copying his lifestyle.
- **Reaching His Audience:** Jesus relied on a variety of teaching methods that were employed by other rabbis, including memorable parables, hyperbole, repetition, and structural scriptural hints (*remez*).
- **Agreeing on the Fundamentals:** While he targeted their hypocrisy, Jesus also agreed with the foundational ideas of the Pharisees - like the supernatural elements of man, the resurrection of the dead and the sanctity of the Torah.

How Jesus Differed from other 1st Century Jewish Rabbis

Jesus broke sharply from established conventions in ways that regularly shocked others.

1. The Source of Authority

- **Rabbis:** Quoted previous human scholars to build a legal chain of custody back to Moses.
- **Jesus:** Taught with personal, independent authority as the ultimate lawgiver, not an interpreter. ("You have heard... but I say to you").

2. The Mechanics of Discipleship

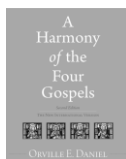
- **Rabbis:** Waited for the best, most educated students to apply to them.
- **Jesus:** Chose his own disciples: uneducated fishermen, tax collectors, outcasts likely rejected by traditional teachers.

3. Radical Inclusivity

- **Rabbis:** Maintained strict ritual holiness - staying separate from the "unclean", Gentiles, and Jews ignoring ceremonial religion.
- **Jesus:** Crossed social borders - interacting with women, foreigners, lepers, tax collectors - valuing human life over other boundaries.

4. The Spirit vs. the Letter of the Law

- **Rabbis:** Focused heavily on defining *Halakha* (legal rulings on how to walk out specific commandments).
- **Jesus:** Internalized and intensified the commandments, focusing on the root motivations of the heart (like equating hidden anger to murder) rather than checking off external ritual requirements.



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