
Journeying With Jesus; Learning from the Master

Mark 1:1–12 (NKJV)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **2** As it is written in the Prophets:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”³ “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’ ”

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. **5** Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. **8** I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” **9** It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. **11** Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

HOW CAN I BE LIKE JOHN THE BAPTIST?

Point 1: It starts with total surrender

Luke 9:23; 26(NKJV)

23 “Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross daily**, and **follow Me.**”

26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Point 2: It involves sacrifice

Matthew 3:4 (NKJV)

4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Point 3: It means becoming a servant...

Matthew 20:25–28 (NKJV)

25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV)

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

DEFINITION OF SERVANT:

- Being a servant means using whatever God has given you to help someone else come closer to Jesus...