



Jesus
for Grown-Ups

“We live in a day when it’s
not easy to follow Jesus.”

The inconvenient truth is this:
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time to follow Jesus.

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time to follow Jesus.

Following Jesus is rarely easy.

Jesus calls us away
from what's easier
and calls us to what is better.

LOVE

Following Jesus will require me to abandon all mindsets, posturing, biases, prejudice, stereotypes, categories, and behavior that limits, hinders, or restricts my capacity to love.

Loving like Jesus...

Easier? No.

Better? Yes.

On one occasion an **expert** in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he asked, “**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**”

Luke 10:25 NIV

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

Luke 10:26 NIV

He answered, “ ‘**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and,

Luke 10:27 NIV

He answered, “ ‘**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’”

Luke 10:27 NIV

“You have answered correctly,”
Jesus replied. “**Do this** and you
will live.”

Luke 10:28 NIV

But he wanted to **justify** himself,
so he asked Jesus, “And **who is**
my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29 NIV

Do not seek revenge or bear a
grudge against anyone **among**
your people, but love your
neighbor as yourself...

Leviticus 19:18 NIV

But he wanted to justify himself,
so he asked Jesus, “And who is
my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29 NIV

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,

Luke 10:30 NIV



In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

Luke 10:30 NIV

A **priest** happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he **passed by** on the other side.

Luke 10:31 NIV

So too, a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:32 NIV

According to Jesus, the priest and Levite did not love the Lord God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength because they did not love their neighbor.

But a Samaritan...

Luke 10:33 NIV

But a **Samaritan**, as he traveled,
came where the man was; and
when he saw him, he took **pity** on
him.

Luke 10:33 NIV

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:34 NIV

The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Luke 10:35 NIV

“Which of these three do you think was a **neighbor** to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

Luke 10:36 NIV

The expert in the law replied, “The **one** who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “**Go and do likewise.**”

Luke 10:37 NIV

The greatest evidence and
expression of our faith is love.

The closer we get,
the harder it becomes to hate.

Christians don't have enemies,
they only have neighbors.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you,** so you **must** love one another.

John 13:34 NIV

By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you **love**
one another.”

John 13:35 NIV

When you're not sure
what to do, think about how
Jesus has loved you,
and love like that.

The greater my confidence in
God's love for me, the greater my
capacity to love those around me.