

Following Jesus

[John 10:27](#)

I. **Examples Jesus Sets for Us to Follow**

- Love,
- Compassion,
- Humility,
- Speaking as God commanded,
- Work,
- Interest in lost,
- Generosity,
- Obedience,
- Unity,
- Hating Iniquity,
- Acknowledging God

II. **Behavior Equal to Not Following Jesus**

- Hates brother,
- Lacks Compassion,
- Exalts Self,
- Teaching Doctrines of Men,
- Refuses to Work,
- No Concern for Lost,
- Unwilling to Die to Self,
- Refuses to Obey,
- Not United In Christ,
- Compromises with World
- Failure to Acknowledge God

The message this morning is **SIMPLY** entitled: **Following Jesus**

- I. In [2Cor.11:3](#), We have the phrase “The **simplicity** that is **IN** Christ”;
Implying that “Following Jesus Christ” is indeed **SIMPLE**.

If only men, women and children who are old enough to understand, **WILL** simply “**Follow Jesus**”;
If they will only “**FOLLOW**” after “the **simplicity** that is **IN** Christ”;
as opposed to the religions of men that are burdensome,
as they are without God, when they,

- **abideth NOT** in the doctrine of Christ ([2Jn.1:9](#));

The religions of men are without God, when they fail, to “**Follow Jesus**” according to His **WORD**;
when they fail to have a “**thus Saith the Lord**” for **EVERYTHING** they teach and practice;
When they fail to **DO** things by Christ’s name or by His authority ([Col.3:17](#)).

If Jesus is the Word and the Bible confirms that such is the case ([Jn.1:1](#); [Jn1:14](#); [Jn.1:17](#)); then **WHY** not, **Follow Jesus**?

- Afterall, It is the **WORD** of God
that is **quick** and **powerful** and **sharper** than any two-edged sword ([Heb.4:12](#)); ...not the words or religions of men!
- It is the **hearing** of the **Word** of God, that **Faith comes** ([Rom.10:17](#));
- It is the **WORD** of God that **ESTABLISHED** one in the faith ([Acts 16:5](#));
- It is the **WORD** of God that **BUILDS** ([Jude 1:20](#); [Col.2:7](#));
- It is the **WORD** of God that causes one to **GROW** ([2Pet.3:18](#));
- It is the **WORD** of God that **PRICKS** one in the heart ([Acts 2:37](#)); ...not the words or religions of men!
- It is the **WORD** of God or the doctrine, ...the teachings of Christ, that **SAVES** ([Rom.1:16](#); [1Cor.15:1-2](#)):
Therefore, take **HEED** unto thyself, **AND** unto the doctrine; continue **IN** them:
for in doing this thou shalt both **SAVE** thyself, **AND** them that **HEAR** thee ([1Tim.4:16](#))

It is difficult to understand **WHY** people insist on following after what seems right ([Prov.14:12](#)), and after their own think so’s,
instead of after God’s thought’s ([Isa.55:8-9](#)).

An inspired apostle said,

- **We OUGHT** to obey **God**, **RATHER** than men ([Acts 5:29](#)); ...Let God be True, but every man a liar ([Rom.3:4](#))

The Bible says,

- that if we yet **SEEK** to please men, **RATHER** than God,
we should **NOT** be, the servants of Christ ([Gal.1:10](#)).

It is difficult to understand **WHY** people refuse to simply “**Follow Jesus**”.

It’s not for a lack of **BIBLE** example and **BIBLE** instruction to **DO** so.

The Bible **TELLS** us, that

- Jesus said unto his disciples,
 - **IF** any man will come **AFTER** me,
 - let him **DENY** himself,
 - and take UP his cross,
 - and **FOLLOW** me. ([Matt.16:24](#))

Jesus said:

- **MY** sheep **HEAR** my voice, and I **KNOW** them, and they **FOLLOW** me: ([Jn.10:27](#))

The Bible teaches:

- For even hereunto were ye **CALLED**:
because Christ also **SUFFERED** for us,
leaving us an **EXAMPLE**, that ye should **FOLLOW** his steps: ([1Pet.2:21](#))

II. Notice Some Examples that Jesus SETS For Us to FOLLOW:

A. Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In LOVE

He said:

- A new commandment I **GIVE** unto you,
That ye **LOVE** one another; **AS** I have **LOVED** you,
that ye **ALSO** love one another. ([Jn.13:34](#))
- Beloved, if God **SO** loved **US**,
we **OUGHT** also to **LOVE** one another.
No man hath **SEEN** God at **ANY** time.
If we **LOVE** one another, God dwell**eth** **IN** us,
and His love is perfected **IN** us. ([1Jn.4:11-12](#))

B. Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In COMPASSION

The Bible says this of:

- Jesus, when he came out, ...saw **MUCH** people,
and was **MOVED** with compassion **TOWARD** them,
because they were **AS** sheep, **NOT** having a shepherd:
and he began to **TEACH** them, **MANY** things. ([Mk.6:34](#))

C. And Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In HUMILITY

The Bible says that Jesus

- **WENT** a little **FARTHER**, and **FELL** on his face, and **PRAYED**, saying,
O my Father, **IF** it be possible, **LET** this cup pass **FROM** me:
nevertheless **NOT** as I will, **BUT** as **THOU** wilt. ([Matt.26:39](#))
- Let this **MIND** be **IN** you,
which was also **IN** Christ Jesus: ([Phil.2:5-6](#))

D. Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In SPEAKING As God Commanded

He said

- **WHEN** ye have lifted **UP**, the **SON** of man,
THEN shall ye **KNOW** that **I AM**,
and that I do **NOTHING** of myself;
BUT as my Father hath **TAUGHT** me,
I **SPEAK** these things. ([Jn.8:28](#))
- For I have **NOT** spoken of myself;
BUT the Father which **SENT** me, He **GAVE** me a commandment,
what I should **SAY**, and what I should **SPEAK**.
And I **KNOW** that His commandment is **LIFE** everlasting:
whatsoever I **SPEAK** therefore, even **AS** the Father **SAID** unto me, so I **SPEAK**. ([Jn.12:49-50](#))

E. Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In WORK

He said:

- I **MUST** work, the **WORKS** of Him, that **SENT** me, **WHILE** it is day:
the **NIGHT** cometh, when **NO** man can **WORK**. ([Jn.9:4](#))
- And so, We need to make some great **PERSONAL** sacrifices,
so that we can work toward great **SPIRITUAL** accomplishments.
That is, we need to make the most of our time ([Eph.5:16](#)) in spiritual work and **CRUCIFY** the physical work
that so often gets in the way of any **SPIRITUAL** accomplishments.

F. Notice also, that Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In having an INTEREST in the Lost

Our Lord and savior, said:

- I am come a **LIGHT** into the world,
that whosoever **BELIEVETH** on me
should **NOT** abide, **IN** darkness. ([Jn.12:46](#))

Peter said,

- The Lord is **NOT** slack, concerning His **PROMISE**,
as **SOME** men count **SLACKNESS**;
BUT is **LONGSUFFERING** to us-ward,
NOT willing that **ANY** should **PERISH**,
BUT that **ALL**, should **COME**, to **REPENTENCE**. ([2Pet.3:9](#))

G. THANKFULLY, Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In Generosity also

The Bible says,

- Even as the Son of man **CAME**
NOT to be ministered unto,
BUT to **MINISTER**,
and to **GIVE** His life, a **RANSOM**, for many. ([Matt.20:28](#))

Paul said,

- **GRACE** be to you and **PEACE** from God the Father, **AND** from our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who **GAVE** Himself for **OUR** sins, that he might **DELIVER** us, from this present **EVIL** world,
according to the **WILL** of God **AND** our Father:
To whom be **GLORY**, for **EVER** and **EVER**. Amen. ([Gal.1:3-5](#))
- **WALK** in love, **AS** Christ also hath **LOVED** us,
and hath **GIVEN** Himself **FOR** us
an offering and a sacrifice **TO** God,
FOR a sweet-smelling **SAVOUR**. ([Eph.5:2](#))

H. Jesus Sets Examples For Us - by COMPLETE Obedience

The Bible says:

- Though he were a **SON**, yet **LEARNED** he obedience
BY the things which he **SUFFERED**;
And being made **PERFECT**,
he became the **AUTHOR** of **ETERNAL** salvation
unto **ALL** them that **OBEY** him; ([Heb.5:8-9](#))

I. Jesus Sets Examples For Us – In Unity

He **PRAYED** to God the Father

- That they **ALL** may be one; **AS** thou, Father, art **IN** me, and I **IN** thee,
 - that *they* **ALSO**, may be one **IN** us:
 - that the world may **BELIEVE**, that thou hast **SENT** me.And the glory which thou **GAVEST** me, I have **GIVEN** them;
 - that they may be **ONE**, even as **WE** are **ONE**: I **IN** them, and thou **IN** me,
 - that they, may be made, **PERFECT** in **ONE**;
 - and that the world may **KNOW**, that thou hast **SENT** me,
and hast **LOVED** them, as thou hast **LOVED** me. (that's [John 17:20-23](#))

J. Believe it or not, Jesus Sets Examples For Us - In **HATING** Iniquity

The Hebrew writer said

- Thou hast **LOVED** righteousness, and **HATED** iniquity; ([Heb.1:9](#))

The Bible says that,

- Jesus **WENT** into the temple of God, and **CAST** out, **ALL** them that sold and bought **IN** the temple, and **OVERTHREW** the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that **SOLD** doves, And said unto them, **It is WRITTEN**, **MY** house shall be **CALLED** the house of prayer; but **YE** have made it, a **DEN** of thieves. ([Matt.21:12-13](#))

Jesus **CONFRONTED** the pharisees in [Matt.23](#),

- **WOE** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **HYPOCRITES!** for ye **COMPASS** sea and land to **MAKE** one proselyte (that is, a convert), and **WHEN** he is made, ye **MAKE** him twofold **MORE** the child of hell, **THAN** *yourselves*. ([Matt.23:15](#))

Jesus **COMMENDED** the church at Ephesus; ...He said,

- thou **HATEST** the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I **ALSO** hate. ([Rev.2:6](#))

We must have the spirit of Christ or the attitude Christ had, **TOWARD** error

The Psalmist said,

- **THROUGH** thy precepts, I **GET** understanding;
- therefore I **HATE**, every **FALSE** way. ([Psalm 119:104](#))

Stephen had the spirit or mind of Christ regarding **ERROR**.

He said,

- Ye **STIFFNECKED** and **UNCIRCUMCISED** in heart and ears, ye do always **RESIST** the Holy Ghost: **AS** your fathers did, so **DO** ye. **WHICH** of the prophets have **NOT** your fathers persecuted? and they have **SLAIN** them, which shewed before of the **COMING**, of the **JUST** One; **OF** whom, ye have been **NOW** the betrayers and murderers: ([Acts 7:51-52](#))

They **STONED** Stephen that day

- But **HE**, being **FULL** of the Holy Ghost, looked up **STEDFASTLY** into heaven, and **SAW** the glory of God, and Jesus **STANDING** on the **RIGHT** hand of God ([Acts 7:55](#))

Paul said

- when Peter was come to Antioch, I **WITHSTOOD** him to the face, **BECAUSE** he was to be blamed. ([Gal.2:11](#))

and later Peter referred to Paul as our,

- **BELOVED** brother Paul ([2Pet.3:15](#)), so we **KNOW** Peter appreciated Paul's instruction and rebuke, **IN** the gospel.

The gospel of Christ **TEACHES** us to:

- **ABHOR** that which is evil;
- **CLEAVE** to that which is good. ([Rom.12:9](#))

And in the Old Testament word of God

- **HATE** the evil, and **LOVE** the good ([Amos 5:15](#))

K. JESUS Sets Examples For Us – In Acknowledging God the Father

The Bible teaches us that Jesus

- **FELL** on the ground, and **PRAYED**, that **IF** it were possible, the **HOUR** might pass **FROM** him. And he said, Abba, Father, **ALL** things are possible unto **THEE**; **TAKE** away this cup **FROM** me: nevertheless **NOT** what I will, but what **THOU** wilt. ([Mark 14:35-36](#))

While **HANGING** between thieves on the cross, for **NO** sin of His own,

- Jesus had cried with a **LOUD** voice, he said, Father, **INTO** thy hands, I **COMMEND** my spirit: and having **SAID** thus, he **GAVE** up the ghost. ([Luke 23:46](#))
- While in **PRAYER**, Jesus, the **SON** of God, ...that is, God in the flesh **ACKNOWLEDGED** that God the Father, was **IN** Him, and **HE** (that is Jesus) was **IN** the Father (Read again [Jn.17:21](#))

III. NOW, If we look at the very opposite of those things we've mentioned thus far, We'll notice that, No One Follows Jesus Who

A. Hates Their Brother

The Bible says

- Whosoever **HATETH** his brother is a **MURDERER**: and ye know that **NO** murderer hath eternal **LIFE** abiding **IN** him. ([1Jn.3:15](#))
- If a man say, I **LOVE** God, and **HATETH** his brother, he **IS** a **LIAR**: for he that loveth **NOT** his brother, whom he **HATH** seen, **HOW** can he love God, whom he hath **NOT** seen? ([1Jn.4:20](#))
- We **KNOW** that we have passed from **DEATH**, unto **LIFE**, because we **LOVE** the brethren. He that loveth **NOT** his brother, abideth in **DEATH**. ([1Jn.3:14](#))

So, serious **CONSEQUENCES**, for **NOT** loving our brethren.

We should treat our brethren like our physical family.

Well, I guess that all depends on how we **TREAT** our physical family. 😊.

...But you get the idea.

B. No One Follows Jesus Who - Lacks Compassion

The Bible teaches us to:

- be ye **ALL** of **ONE** mind, having **COMPASSION** one of another, love **AS** brethren, be **PITIFUL**, be **COURTEOUS**: ([1Pet.3:8](#))
- But **WHOSO** hath this world's **GOOD**, and **SEETH** his brother have **NEED**, and shutteth **UP** his bowels of compassion **FROM** him, how **DWELLETH** the love of God **IN** him? ([1Jn.3:17](#))

C. No One Follows Jesus Who - **Exalts Self**, which is the very opposite of Humility.

Remember the parable in [Luke chapter 18](#)? ...Jesus:

- spake this **PARABLE** unto certain, which **TRUSTED** in themselves, that they were **RIGHTEOUS**, and **DESPISED** others:

Two men went **UP** into the temple to **PRAY**; the one a **PHARISEE**, and the other a **PUBLICAN**.

- The **PHARISEE** stood and prayed **THUS** with himself,
 - God, I thank thee, that I am not **AS** other men are,
 - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
 - I fast **TWICE** in the week,
 - I **GIVE** tithes of **ALL** that I possess.
- And the **PUBLICAN**, standing **AFAR** off,
 - would **NOT** lift up, so much, as his **EYES**, unto **HEAVEN**,
 - but **SMOTE** upon his breast, saying, God be **MERCIFUL** to me, a **SINNER**.

I tell you, **THIS** man went down to his house **JUSTIFIED**, rather than the other: for every one that **EXALTETH** himself, shall be **ABASED**; and he that **HUMBLETH** himself, shall be **EXALTED**. ([Lk.18:9-14](#))

- For I say, **THROUGH** the grace, **GIVEN** unto me, to **EVERY** man that is **AMONG** you, **NOT** to think of himself more **HIGHLY**, than he **OUGHT** to think; **BUT** to think **SOBERLY**, according **AS** God, hath dealt to **EVERY** man, the **MEASURE** of faith. ([Rom.12:3](#))

D. Can One Be a Follower Of Jesus When They - **Teach Or Believe DOCTRINES of Men?**

If only some would allow the Bible to **SPEAK** and Be willing to Seek out divine revelation, for such questions.

The Bible says:

- Ye **HYPOCRITES**, well did Esaias **PROPHECY** of you, saying, This people draweth **NIGH** unto me with their mouth, and **HONoureth** me with their lips; but their **HEART**, is far **FROM** me. but in **VAIN**, they **DO** worship me, **TEACHING** for doctrines, the commandments **OF** men. ([Matt.15:7-9](#))

The inspired apostle Paul said

- But though **WE** (that is the apostles), or an **ANGEL** from heaven, preach any other **GOSPEL** unto you, than that which we have **PREACHED** unto you, let him be **ACCURSED**. As we said before, so say I now again, if any **MAN** preach any other **GOSPEL** unto you, than that ye have **RECEIVED**, let him be **ACCURSED**. ([Gal.1:8-9](#))
- **BEWARE** lest any man **SPOIL** you **THROUGH** philosophy and **VAIN** deceit, **AFTER** the tradition of men, **AFTER** the rudiments of the world, and **NOT** after Christ. ([Col.2:8](#))

The apostle Peter said,

- If **ANY** man **SPEAK**, let him speak **AS** the oracles of God; (that is, the literal or actual Words of God) if **ANY** man **MINISTER**, let him **DO** it, **AS** of the **ABILITY**, which God **GIVETH**: that God in **ALL** things, may be glorified **THROUGH** Jesus Christ, to whom be **PRAISE** and **DOMINION** for ever and ever. **AMEN**. ([1Pet.4:11](#))

E. Most Assuredly, No One Follows Jesus Who - **REFUSES To Work**

The Bible says

- Therefore, my **BELOVED brethren**,
be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always **ABOUNDING**, in the **WORK** of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye **KNOW**, that your **LABOUR** is **NOT** in vain, **IN** the Lord. ([1Cor.15:58](#))
- But whoso **LOOKETH** into the **PERFECT law of liberty**, and **CONTINUETH therein**,
he being **NOT** a **FORGETFUL hearer**,
BUT a **DOER** of the work,
THIS man shall be **BLESSED** in his **DEED**. ([Jms.1:25](#))
- He which **SOWETH sparingly**, shall **REAP** also sparingly;
and he which **SOWETH bountifully**, shall **REAP** also bountifully.
Every man according AS he purposeth IN his heart, so let him **GIVE**;
NOT grudgingly, OR of necessity: for God loveth a **CHEERFUL giver**.
And God is **ABLE**, to make **ALL grace ABOUND toward** you;
that ye **ALWAYS**, having **ALL sufficiency in ALL things**, may **ABOUND to EVERY** good work: ([2Cor.9:6-8](#))

F. No One Follows Jesus Who - **Has NO Concern For the Lost**

The apostles were instructed to:

- **Go** ye, into **ALL** the world, and **PREACH** the gospel, to **EVERY creature**. ([Mk.16:15](#))
- Brethren, if a man be **OVERTAKEN** in a fault, ye which are **SPIRITUAL**,
RESTORE such an one **IN** the spirit of **MEEKNESS**;
CONSIDERING thyself, lest thou **ALSO** be tempted. ([Gal.6:1](#))

G. If Jesus was generous enough to be willing to Die for us, We should also be willing to die to self.

- Christians are instructed in [Romans 12:1](#) to,
present your bodies a **living** sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Paul said,

- I die **DAILY** ([1Cor.15:31](#))
- I am crucified WITH Christ: nevertheless I live; yet **NOT** I, **BUT** Christ liveth IN me:
and the life which I **NOW live** in the flesh, I live by the **FAITH** of the Son of God,
who **LOVED** me, and gave himself **FOR** me. ([Gal.2:20](#))

H. Without a doubt, No One Follows Jesus Who - **Neglects or Refuses To Obey**

The Bible says,

- And to **YOU** who are troubled, **REST** with us,
WHEN the Lord Jesus shall be **REVEALED** from heaven, **WITH** His **MIGHTY angels**,
IN flaming FIRE, taking VENGEANCE on them, that know NOT God,
and that obey NOT, the **GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Who **SHALL** be punished with **EVERLASTING destruction**
FROM the presence of the Lord, and **FROM** the glory of his power; ([2Thess.1:7-9](#))

I. Notice that no One Follows Jesus Who – **is NOT United IN Christ and WITH One another**

- **BEHOLD**, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to **DWELL together IN** unity! ([Psalm 133:1](#))
- There is **ONE body**, and **ONE Spirit**,
even as ye are called in **ONE hope** of your calling; ([Eph.4:4](#)) ...Oneness equals UNITY.
- From whom the **WHOLE body**,
FITLY joined together and compact **BY** that which **EVERY** joint supplieth,
according to the **EFFECTUAL working**, **IN** the measure of **EVERY** part,
maketh **INCREASE** of the body, unto the **EDIFYING** of itself **IN love**. ([Eph.4:16](#))
- I am a companion of **ALL** them, that **FEAR** thee,
and of them that **KEEP** thy precepts. ([Psalm 119:63](#))

But one **CAN'T** be united **WITH** one another,
without **FIRST** being United **WITH** God,
or being **ONE** with God, **FIRST**.

- Jesus **PRAYED** for such in [Jn.17:20-23](#).
- **BLESSED** be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with **ALL** spiritual blessings
IN heavenly places **IN** Christ: ([Eph.1:3](#))

And there are only **TWO** passages that tell us how to get **IN** Christ.

- For ye are **ALL** the children of God, **BY** faith **IN** Christ Jesus.
HOW Paul? ...**HOW** is one a **CHILD** of God, **BY** faith **IN** Christ Jesus?
For **AS** many of you, **AS** have been baptized **INTO** Christ, have put **ON** Christ. ([Gal.3:26-27](#))
- **KNOW** ye not, that so **MANY** of us, **AS** were baptized **INTO** Jesus Christ, were baptized into his **DEATH**?
Therefore we are buried **WITH** him, **BY** baptism, **INTO** death:
that like **AS** Christ, was **RAISED** up from the dead, **BY** the glory of the Father,
EVEN so, we **ALSO** should walk **IN** newness of life.
For **IF** we have been PLANTED together, **IN** the likeness of his **DEATH**,
we **SHALL** be also, **IN** the likeness of his **RESURRECTION**: ([Rom.6:3-5](#))

J. How can one be a follower of Jesus Who - **COMPROMISES** with the World or with Error?

It just **CAN'T** be so, as the two are diametrically **OPPOSED** to one another.

- For they that are **AFTER** the flesh, do mind the **THINGS** of the flesh;
but they that are **AFTER** the Spirit, the **THINGS** of the Spirit.
For to be **CARNALLY** minded, is **DEATH**;
but to be **SPIRITUALLY** minded is **LIFE** and **PEACE**.
Because the **CARNAL** mind is enmity **AGAINST** God:
for it is **NOT** subject to the **LAW** of God, **NEITHER** indeed can be.
So then they that are **IN** the flesh, cannot **PLEASE** God. ([Rom.8:5-8](#))

The bible says,

- have **NO** fellowship, **WITH** the unfruitful **WORKS** of darkness, **BUT** rather **REPROVE** them. ([Eph.5:11](#))

K. No One **FOLLOWS** Jesus Who – **FAILS** to Acknowledge God,
...who **FAILS** to acknowledge Jesus as the **SON** of God,
...who **FAILS** to acknowledge the **DEITY** of Christ

The rich man **FAILED** to acknowledge God in [Lk.12:15-21](#). ...He would rather **BOAST** of himself.

Many today **FAIL** to acknowledge God in **VARIOUS** ways.

Sadly, there are some who **FAIL** to acknowledge the **DEITY** of Christ,
which is a fundamental **PRINCIPLE** in the **RELIGION** of Christ.

The Bible says,

- **WHILE** the Pharisees were GATHERED together, Jesus **ASKED** them,
Saying, What **THINK** ye of Christ? **WHOSE** son **IS** he?
They **SAY** unto him, The **SON** of David.
He saith unto them, **HOW** then doth David **IN** spirit, **CALL** him Lord,
saying, The **LORD** said unto **MY** Lord, **SIT** thou on my **RIGHT** hand,
till I **MAKE** thine enemies, thy **FOOTSTOOL**?
IF David then call him Lord, **HOW** is he his son? And **NO** man was able to **ANSWER** him a word,
neither durst **ANY** man, **FROM** that day forth, ask him **ANY** more questions. ([Matt.22:41-46](#))

A basic **TRUTH**, concerning the **RELIGION** of Christ is recorded for us in [Jn.8:24](#)

It is there that Jesus said

- ye shall **DIE** in your sins:
for **IF** ye believe **NOT** that **I AM**,
ye shall **DIE** in your sins.

Which should remind us, of the **SEEN** at the burning bush in [Exodus chapter three](#), where

- Moses said unto God, **BEHOLD**, when I come unto the **CHILDREN** of Israel,
and shall say unto them, The **GOD** of your fathers hath **SENT** me unto you;
and they shall say to me, What is his **NAME**? ...**WHAT** shall I say unto them?
And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**:
and he said, **THUS** shalt thou **SAY** unto the **CHILDREN** of Israel,
I AM hath sent me unto you.
And God said **MOREOVER** unto Moses, Thus shalt thou **SAY** unto the **CHILDREN** of Israel,
the LORD **GOD** of your fathers, the God of **Abraham**, the God of **Isaac**, and the God of **Jacob**,
hath **SENT** me unto you: this is my **NAME** for ever,
and this is my **MEMORIAL**,_ unto **ALL** generations. ([Ex.3:13-15](#))

- Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **BEFORE** Abraham was, **I AM**. ([Jn.8:58](#))
- **BEHOLD**, a virgin shall be **WITH** child, and shall bring FORTH a son,
and they shall call his name **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted IS, God **WITH** us. ([Matt.1:23](#))
- In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the Word was **WITH** God, and the Word **WAS** God. ([Jn.1:1](#))
- And the Word was **MADE** flesh, and dwelt **AMONG** us,
(and we **BEHELD** his glory, the glory AS of, the only BEGOTTEN of the Father,)
full of grace and **TRUTH**. ([Jn.1:14](#))
- For the **LAW** was given BY Moses, **BUT** grace and truth **CAME** by Jesus Christ. ([Jn.1:17](#))

Sadly, some preach **ANOTHER** Jesus.

The Bible says,

- I **FEAR**, lest by **ANY** means, **AS** the serpent beguiled Eve through his **SUBTILTY**,
so your **MINDS** should be corrupted FROM the simplicity that is **IN** Christ.
For **IF** he that cometh, preacheth **ANOTHER** Jesus, whom we have **NOT** preached,
or **IF** ye receive **ANOTHER** spirit, which ye have **NOT** received,
or **ANOTHER** gospel, which ye have **NOT** accepted,
ye might well, bear **WITH** him. ([2Cor.11:3-4](#))

The inspired apostle Paul said

- the **INVISIBLE** things of Him, **FROM** the creation of the world, are **CLEARLY** seen,
being understood BY the things that are made,
even His eternal **POWER** and **GODHEAD**;
so that they are **WITHOUT** excuse: ([Rom.1:20](#))

So

- **BEWARE** lest any man **SPOIL** you, through **PHILOSOPHY** and vain **DECEIT**,
AFTER the tradition of men, **AFTER** the rudiments of the world, and **NOT** after Christ.
For **IN** him dwelleth **ALL** the fulness of the **GODHEAD** bodily.
And ye are complete **IN** him, which is the **HEAD** of **ALL** principality and power: ([Col.2:8-10](#))

Believe or not, **Some claim** that the knowledge Jesus **HAD** while on Earth, **CAME** from the Holy Spirit and **NOT** from Himself.

But the Bible makes NO such claim.

The Bible says that Jesus was

- led up of the Spirit, into the wilderness, to be **TEMPTED** of the devil.
And when he had **FASTED** forty days and forty nights,
he was **AFTERWARD** an hungred (demonstrating the human side of Jesus).
And when the tempter **CAME** to him,
he said, **IF** thou be the **SON** of God,
COMMAND that these stones be **MADE** bread. (demonstrating the divine side of Jesus)
([Matt.4:1-3](#))

Now, Please note:

When the Bible says that Jesus was tempted, it simply means that because Jesus had the ability to “turn stones into bread”, the devil attempted to tempt him. But the passage does not mean that Jesus was actually enticed to do so, as He has no desire’s contrary to Himself or God the Father. The Bible actually teaches that God cannot be tempted with evil ([James 1:13](#)); that is, God cannot be enticed to do evil.

So, back to the context of [Matt.4:1-3](#),

Jesus was **TEMPTED** by the devil, to turn stones unto bread.

Now notice the following necessary conclusion or inference,

“If Jesus had **NO** power to do so, there would have been **NO** temptation.

Jesus had the **POWER** to turn stones into bread; so there **WAS** the potential for temptation.

Therefore the power was **USEABLE** power, that Jesus **HAD**, that is, His **OWN** power.”

Some state that while Jesus was here on earth in the flesh,
That although he had both human and divine **ATTRIBUTES**,
He supposedly **NEVER** used any of those **DIVINE** attributes.

Maybe according to man’s “**THINK SO’S**”,

but **NOT** according to divine revelation.

...**NOT** according to plain Bible teaching.

Who empowered the **SEVENTY** disciples in [Luke chapter 10](#)? ...where Jesus himself said,

- Behold, I give unto you **POWER** to tread on serpents and scorpions,
and over **ALL** the power of the enemy:
and **NOTHING**, shall by, **ANY** means hurt you. ([Lk.10:19](#))

Empowering the seventy, **WAS** in itself using His **OWN** Divine attributes.

Notice another example:

In [John chapter 2](#), when Jesus turned water into unfermented wine, the Bible says

- This **BEGINNING** of miracles, **DID** Jesus in Cana of Galilee,
and manifested forth **His** glory; and His disciples **BELIEVED** on him. (Read [John 2:7-11](#))

So Jesus performed a miracle and it manifested forth **HIS** glory, not the glory of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said,

- I am the **GOOD shepherd**, and **KNOW** my **sheep**, and am **KNOWN** of **mine**.
As the Father **KNOWETH** me, even so **KNOW** I the Father: and I lay **down MY life**, **FOR** the **sheep**.
And **OTHER sheep** I have, which are **NOT** of this **fold**:
them **ALSO**, I must **bring**, and they shall **hear MY voice**;
and there shall be **ONE fold**, and **ONE shepherd**.
Therefore doth my Father **LOVE** me, because I **LAY down MY life**, that I might **TAKE** it again.
NO man **taketh** it **FROM** me, but I lay it **down** of **MYSELF**.
I have **POWER** to lay it **down**, and I have **POWER** to **take** it again.
This commandment have I **RECEIVED** of my Father. ([John 10:14-18](#))

So, very clearly, Jesus has His **OWN power**, ...and He **USED** it.

Jesus said,

- **ALL power** is **GIVEN** unto me, **IN heaven** and **IN earth**. ([Matt.28:18](#))
- Some in error, would have us to believe that the previous passage reads:
All power is given unto me, **IN Heaven ONLY**; but such is not the case.

IV. In Closing...

Paul said in [1Cor.11:1](#)

- Be ye **FOLLOWERS** of me, **EVEN** as I **ALSO** am **OF** Christ.

The apostle Paul demonstrated His belief by repenting and being baptized.

So,

- why tarriest thou, **ARISE** and be **baptized** and **WASH** away thy sins ([Acts 22:16](#)).

Please come, as together we stand and sing