

Imitating Jesus Part 2

Acts 11:26

And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. NKJV

Last week we spoke on some of the things Jesus did but in a general way. This morning we want to be more specific. If we would imitate Jesus we must be like Him. But what did He do? How did He handle temptation? What did He do with those who followed Him?

In the passage we read for our responsive reading we find in just a few short verses the answer to many of these questions.

- I. Jesus knew the word of God.
 - A. He used it when He taught.
 1. Jesus often quoted from the OT and more often alluded to it.
 2. Many of the points in the Sermon on the Mount take their basis from the book of proverbs.
 3. After His resurrection He appeared to the two on the road to Emmaus.
 4. Luke 24:25-27 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. NKJV
 - B. He expressed complete confidence in it.
 1. Matt 5:17-19 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. NKJV
 2. John 10:35 the Scripture cannot be broken NKJV
 - C. Used it to correct false teachers.
 1. Matthew 12:3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: NKJV
 2. Matthew 19:4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' NKJV
 3. Matt 22:29-33; 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the

God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. NKJV

4. Mark 2:25 But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: NKJV

D. Used it to reply to Satan's temptation.

1. Notice in our responsive reading.

2. Jesus says three times, "It is written" referring to the Old Testament Law.

II. He spent long hours in prayer.

A. Often raising a great while before everyone else to pray.

1. That was the only way He could be alone with God.

B. He prays when He heals the sick or raises the dead.

C. He prays at His own baptism.

D. He prays before choosing the 12.

E. He prays in the Garden and at least three of His final words from the cross are prayers.

F. And Hebrews tells us that even today He prays for us and makes intercession for us.

III. He worshiped.

A. He attends each required Jewish feast.

B. He is regularly in the Synagogue on each Sabbath.

C. Worship is the very basis of our relationship with God.

1. Without worship all the other relationships break down.

2. He told the woman at the well that God requires worship in spirit and truth.

IV. He helped others.

A. It says He went about doing good.

B. Jesus healed the sick.

C. He had compassion on the people.