

Discipleship Part Two

Note: This lesson requires the class to view and discuss parts of the Movie "Jesus of Nazareth" (circa 1977 directed by Franco Ziferelli).

In the previous lesson we talked about our calling to be disciples. The thing that may get lost in all of this activity is WHY we do this! The answer to this is in considering who Jesus Christ is.

Lets take a look at a really interesting sermon that Christ gave in the temple:

Jesus of Nazareth Scene 32. The Scriptures Are Fulfilled [4:19]

Christ tells all the people that in their hearing "the Scriptures are fulfilled". What do you think He means by this? While you're thinking we'll talk about the word prophecy. To prophecy is to tell people something is coming when there is no clear way to know. but to prophecy doesn't mean to guess. Christ is both a prophet and the messiah that was written about in the Old Testament. Remember that the Old Testament is really a guide to let people know when God came to reunite them to Him. [Use Bible time

Discussion point: Did the people listen to Christ's message? What was their reaction? Why do you think they reacted the way they did?

Jesus of Nazareth Disc 1, Scene 33. The First Followers [2:30]

Discussion: How are Phillip and Andrew's reactions different than the towns people? Who sent them to Jesus? Who

Jesus of Nazareth Disc 1, Scene 34. Driving Out Satan [5:07]

Here Christ is telling the people that the "good news" has arrived, but are they willing to listen? What is the good news? Jesus tells the people that "God is coming to you"

The movie gives us a very obvious example of God coming to us, but

Jesus of Nazareth Disc 1, Scene 35. Fishermen [6:23]

Notice that in the movie, Peter challenges Christ saying "what about our children...who will fill their bellies... find a holy man who can put an end to that and then maybe I'll listen." How does Christ respond? (he tells them to take the boat back out). What happens when the fishermen do what Christ asked them to do?

Answer: The fishermen go back out to the lake at Christ's command and "drop their nets" even though they don't see how it will be of any benefit. Being a disciple of Christ means obeying His will even at times when it may appear to be hopeless or we may not understand.

Scene 44 "Changed Lives" [2:19]

This scene lets us take a look at some doubts that the Apostles may have had. They all left lives behind to follow Jesus, and in this scene we see Matthew help Saint Paul come to grips with this reality.

Jesus of Nazareth Disc 2 Scene 6 "Peter has spoken the truth" [3:46]

Why does Jesus ask the Apostles who they think He is? The Muslims believe that Christ is a prophet, but Christ is much more than that.

What does Jesus say after that? What does He say He will build on the faith that Peter has openly admitted?

Jesus of Nazareth Disc 2 Scene 19 The High Priests & the Blind Man [5:07]

Here Christ heals a blind man right in the temple!

Discussion:

What might the symbolism be of giving a man sight in this building be? Why do you think it makes the Priests so angry? How does Jesus respond to their "blindness"?