

## Holy Habits - Following Jesus 5/6

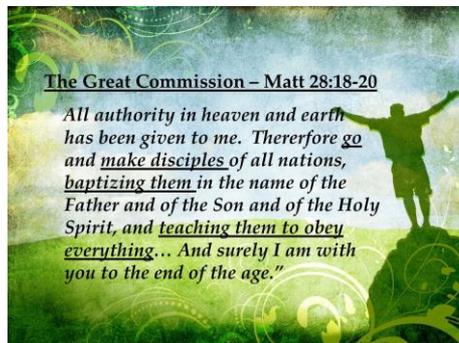
### Jesus making disciples Luke 19: 1-10

Holy Habits challenge:

- examine our daily routine;
- follow the example of Jesus;
- rest in Holy Spirit grace & love.

Through Lent we have followed Jesus:

- guided by scripture;
- serving with gladness;
- sharing bread;
- praying.

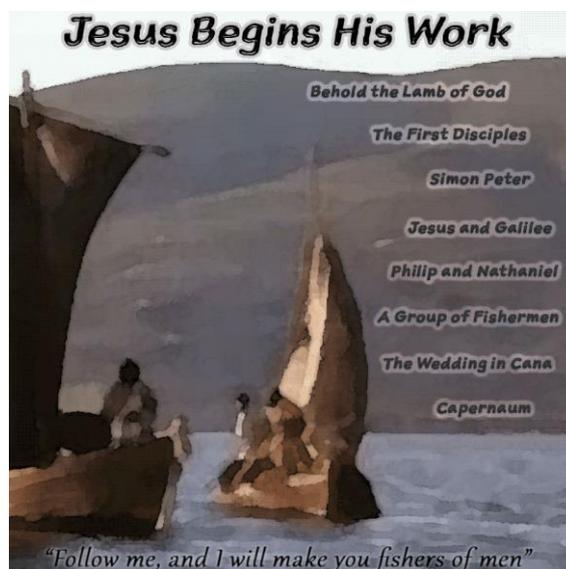


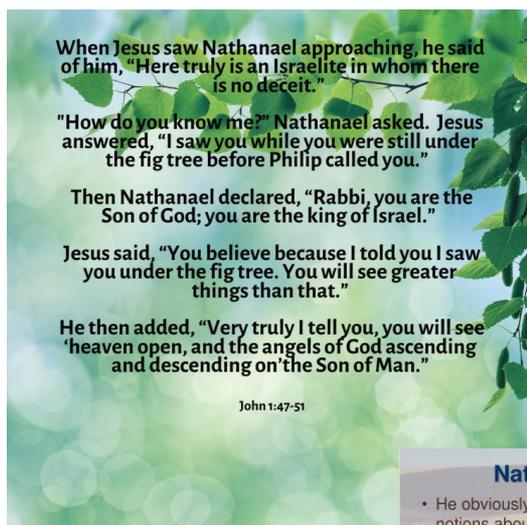
Disciples, like apprentices, follow and learn from the teacher on the job.  
 Μαθητής = learner - indicates thought + endeavour - pupil + follower.

Jesus emphasised the importance of making disciples throughout His ministry.  
 His mission began and ended with making disciples, to be continued through us.

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### Jesus making disciples





**John 1: 35-52 Jesus' first disciples**  
 Andrew brought his brother, Simon Peter.  
 Jesus called Philip, brother of Nathanael.  
 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?'  
 'Come and see,' replied Philip to Nathanael.

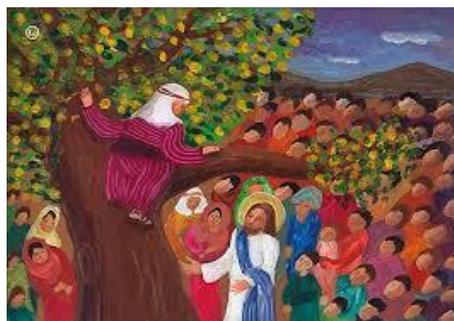
**Nathanael (cont.)**

- He obviously had some preconceived notions about Nazareth and its townspeople
- What if he had let his prejudices get in the way of meeting Jesus?
  - Where would that have left him?
  - What would he have missed?
- Do we let our prejudices and preconceived notions interfere with our meeting Jesus?

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### Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. <sup>2</sup> There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. <sup>3</sup> He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.



Would Zacchaeus be welcomed or avoided by us?  
 Do we judge people by appearance or position?  
 We know that 'God looks at the heart'- 1Sam16:7.  
 Is Zacchaeus like Nathanael, having no guile?  
 Does Holy Spirit show us when hearts are open?



<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

<sup>6</sup> Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. <sup>7</sup> But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

This sycamore fig tree, thought to be more than 2000 years old, stands in the gardens of the Russian Cultural Centre/ Holy Land Museum in Jericho and could be the one used by Zacchaeus.



As with Nathanael, Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name. Hospitality in the home is a key sign of welcome. Zacchaeus responds excitedly to Jesus' call. But the assembled people had a different reaction. How would we react?

<sup>8</sup> Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."



Zacchaeus is a changed man - 2 Cor 5: 17.



Jesus shares fish meal with disciples before leaving them.

He will come and eat with us if we open the door & invite Him in.