

WHAT *DOES IT MEAN*  
*TO FOLLOW* JESUS?

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING  
TO MATTHEW

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*Matthew 28:1-10*

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# **The Resurrection**

Matthew 28:1-15

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# **The Great Commission**

Matthew 28:16-20

“Go therefore and make disciples...”

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# “DISCIPLE”

*A learner or a follower; an  
apprentice*

Main Point of Matthew 28:16-20

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Disciples obsess over  
disciple-making

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disciple-making  
*because of the resurrection!*

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## FOCAL POINT OF THE GOSPELS:

1. Gospel of Matthew (28:16-20)
  2. Gospel of Mark (6:15-20)
  3. Gospel of Luke (24:44-49; Acts 1:1-8)
  4. Gospel of John (20:30-31; 21:17-19)
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*(Because of the resurrection,  
followers of Jesus make disciples)*

## THREE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:

1. Respond personally
- 2.
- 3.



1. Respond personally (be a disciple now)

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A. *“Am I a disciple of Jesus”*

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*“I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”*

Matthew 7:21b

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*“From that time, Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

Matthew 4:17

A. *“Am I a disciple of Jesus?”*

*“If anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself and take up  
his cross and follow me.”*

Matthew 16:24-25

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A. *“Am I a disciple of Jesus”*

B. *“Am I a baptized disciple?”*

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## Three Confusing Practices:

- Infant baptism
- Flippant baptism
- Neglected baptism

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A. *“Am I a disciple of Jesus”*

B. *“Am I a baptized disciple?”*

C. *“Am I a taught disciple?”*

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*“But that is not the way you  
learned Christ-- assuming that you  
have heard about him and were  
taught in him...”*

Ephesians 4:17-24



## THREE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:

1. Respond personally
2. Respond locally
- 3.

2. Respond locally (make disciples here)

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*A. Who should I disciple?*

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- Circle 1: Current Friendships
- Circle 2: Potential Friendships
- Circle 3: Desired Friendships

A. *Who should I disciple?*

- Engage: Unsaved & no gospel ops.
- Evangelize: Unsaved & gospel convos.
- Establish: Saved but immature
- Equip: Saved & spiritually mature

2. Respond locally (make disciples here)

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A. *Who should I disciple?*

B. *How should I disciple?*

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- Be a godly example
- Read the Bible together
- Pray together

## THREE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:

1. Respond personally
2. Respond locally
3. Respond globally