

Invitation
Mark 1:1-20
Dust of the Rabbi, 1
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Our insight into Jesus must be in line with reality, not our own desires. 1:1-13

1. He is the promised one. verses 1-3
2. He is unique. verses 4-8
3. He is God the Son. verses 9-11
4. He knows what it's like to live in this world. verses 12-13

We are invited to follow Jesus. 1:14-20

The invitation begins as we respond to the message of the kingdom ...
verses 14-15

1. Changing our mind about where we find life.
2. Choosing to live under the leadership of God.

We follow Jesus as we daily choose to live as a disciple ...
verses 16-20

1. Realizing that He pursues us.
2. Resulting in a passion to be with Him.
3. Remembering that it is a process.

So, what does it look like to live as a follower of Jesus?

1. Context: you live in community with other followers.
2. Craving: you want to be like Jesus.
3. Commitment: you go wherever He leads.

How to "cover yourself with the dust of your rabbi" over the next ten weeks:

1. Interact with the teaching on Mark each week (Sunday morning or on-line)
2. Use the daily "Reflection Guide."
3. Participate in a community group.

Quotes:

"Cover yourself with the dust of your rabbi's feet."
Rabbi Yose ben Yoezer

"Talmidim trusted their rabbi completely. They worked passionately to incorporate the rabbi's actions and words into their lives. The disciples' deepest desire was to follow their rabbi so closely that they would start to think and act like him." Ray Vander Laan, *That The World May Know*

"The one secret of life and development is not to devise and plan, but to do the moment's duty aright and then let come, not what will because there is no such thing, but what the eternal one wills for each of us from the first." George MacDonald