

the Gift of a Name

Part 3: Rabbi – Teacher
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The Gift of a Name – Rabbi, Rabbouni, Teacher

John 1:43-49

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

The job of the Rabbi was to: Lead, Teach, Model, Mentor and Challenge

The job of the Disciple was to: Follow, Learn, Mimic, Absorb and Respond

The scandal surrounding Jesus: He didn't have a Rabbi!

How would Jesus, our Teacher, instruct us to handle Christmas?

1. Make the most of every opportunity – Redeemer – *Ga'al, Lytron*

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. - Ephesians 5:15-17

2. Remember the reason why He came – Good Shepherd – *Poimen Kalos*

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." - Luke 19:10

3. Be thankful for the ultimate gift – Lamb of God – *Amnos tou Theou*

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. - Hebrews 9:15

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4. Serve others in His name – Servant – *Ebed, Pais tou Theou, Ish Makoboth*

“But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called ‘teacher,’ for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” - Matthew 23:8-12

***It’s not the star but the servant;
not the title but the towel.***

5. Peacefully – Prince of Peace - *Sar Shalom*

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:17

On The Way Home

What is your favorite way of learning? Why does that method of learning work for you?

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) Think back over your school years. Who was your favorite teacher? What was it about their teaching or their character that allowed them to make such an impact on you?
- 2) What was your favorite subject in school? Least favorite? Do you use your favorite school subject in your life right now?
- 3) Look back at “The Job of the Rabbi” on the other side. How has Jesus fulfilled His calling as your Rabbi?
- 4) What is the greatest lesson you have learned from Jesus?
- 5) Which of the 5 lessons listed above is the most challenging for you during the Christmas season?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?