

# FIRST: MODERN DAY LESSONS FROM JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES

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## Say Yes When Jesus Speaks

Being a \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary goal of the Christian life.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, & he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples & chose 12 of them to be apostles. Here are their names: Simon (whom he named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him). Luke 6:12-16

- 1. Peter's \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Jars of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Jelly \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. And \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Peanut \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Butter \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Make \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. The \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Juiciest, \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Tastiest \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Final disciple: Judas Iscariot.

Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"). John 1:42

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat & walked on the water toward Jesus. Matthew 14:27-29

A disciple is a follower of Jesus who seeks to put Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in every area of their life.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth.

"Follow me & be my disciple," Jesus said to him. Matthew got up & followed him. Matthew 9:9

A disciple is one who always says " \_\_\_\_\_ " when Jesus speaks.

## Six Times It's Dangerous Not To Say Yes To Jesus:

- I Dangerous disobedience #1: I say "no" to:  
trusting the Bible as God's inspired guide for truth in life.
  - A) But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4
  - B) Dynamic discipleship principle #1: I say "yes," to:  
obeying the Bible as God's instruction manual for my life.
- II Dangerous disobedience #2: I say "no" to:  
engaging God through an active prayer life.
  - A) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! John 15:4-7
  - B) Dynamic discipleship principle #2: I say "yes," to:  
a regular, ongoing prayer life with my Heavenly Father.
  - C) Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- III Dangerous disobedience #3: I say "no," to:  
identifying with Jesus through baptism.
  - A) Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? Romans 6:3
  - B) Dynamic discipleship principle #3: I say "yes" to:  
celebrating baptism as my first step of obedience of following Jesus.
- IV Dangerous disobedience #4: I say "no," to:  
God's way out from my temptations.
  - A) The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - B) Dynamic discipleship principle #4: I say "yes" to:  
repenting of my sin and renewing my commitment to Jesus.
  - C) I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." Luke 5:32
- V Dangerous disobedience 5: I say "no," to:  
Joining Jesus's church.

A) Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. Matthew 16:18

B) Dynamic discipleship principle #5: I say "yes" to:  
becoming a fully engaged member of my church family.

C) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

VI Dangerous disobedience #6: I say "no" to:  
God's free gift of salvation through Jesus.

A) Dynamic discipleship principle #6: I say "yes" to:  
following Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

B) "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

**My Next Step Is:**

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Matthew 28:19-20.
- I will memorize the apostle's names.
- I will take the following Dynamic discipleship principles:

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