

**Back to the Future**  
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**Five Observations about Jesus' Ministry**

1. He loved people, particularly the \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ and the unimportant.
2. His healings, exorcisms, and acts of power inspired  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His selection of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ was highly surprising.
4. His crucifixion was \_\_\_\_\_ to many people.
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ caused shock and awe.

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. (Matthew 8:1-3)

Jesus became \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment. (Matthew 8:5-13)

Jesus risked being \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus came into Peter’s house, he saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.

<sup>15</sup> He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.” (Matthew 8:14-17)

Jesus became \_\_\_\_\_ to make others \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>18</sup> When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. <sup>19</sup> Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>20</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” <sup>21</sup> Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.” <sup>23</sup> Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. (Matthew 8:18-24)

The first wannabe disciple was \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_ of following Jesus.

The second wannabe disciple wasn’t willing to say \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **Two crucial questions:**

What would need to change in order to follow Jesus?

What changes would happen to your church to further imitate Jesus’ ministry?