

Jesus, God's Way

John 14:6, Mark 1:14-18

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We talk about post-modern, post-Christian, post-protestant, and post-denominational. **"What do all these posts mean? That we know where we have been but that we have no idea where we are going!"**

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. —Mark 1:17-18

"Follow me" is the third imperative spoken by Jesus in Mark's telling of the Gospel.

1. Repent,
2. Believe, then
3. Come, follow me.

REPENT

1. Jesus is God's New Way

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! —2 Corinthians 5:17

Repent—Greek is *metanoia*, to change your mind, turn from sin to God.

BELIEVE

2. Jesus is God's Completed Way

"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." —Luke 22:20

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. —Matthew 5:17

Jesus is the means by which we come to God.

Jesus as God's way is a noun.

A noun is a thing--the door, the road, this route, a destination, or a passageway.

Completed described as Do VS Done.

- Believe that I can change.
- Believe that if I change, God will accept me.
- Believe the God has granted me the power to live as God intended me.

FOLLOW

3. Jesus is God's Kingdom Way

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."
—Isaiah 55:9

Jesus as God's Way is an adverb or a metaphor.

How to get there, the way rather than the means

- In temptation, Jesus refused to do good things in the wrong ways.
- The kingdom way is turning the other cheek, loving neighbors, serving leaders, non-violence, and no abuse of power.

Jesus is God's Only Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. *No one comes to the Father except through me.*"
—John 14:6

God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

God cannot do for us what we must do for ourselves.

Repent, Believe, and Follow.