



# WHAT'S NEXT

HOW TO BEGIN YOUR NEW CHRISTIAN LIFE



# I PRAYED TO BE SAVED... WHAT'S NEXT?

SO MUCH TO BE EXCITED ABOUT!

**There is nothing more important or more exciting than becoming a follower of Jesus Christ - being saved!**

God's promise is clear: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

John 3:16 explains, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**When we're saved, our future in heaven, our "everlasting life," is forever secure:** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) Not might, hopefully, probably, or possibly saved, but "**WILL be saved.**" Eternal salvation comes when we "believe" in Jesus.

This is an absolutely wonderful promise from God. However, it is not the end of the adventure. In fact, the amazing journey has just begun!

**Being a true Christ-follower means so much more than praying a prayer for salvation. It means being a disciple of Jesus.**

# HOLD ON...WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

## GREAT QUESTION!

**A disciple is a devoted follower.** In Bible times, to be a disciple meant to imitate a “rabbi” or mentor and then teach and guide others to do the same.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this saying, “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.” (Romans 8:29)

Disciples of Jesus should think as He thinks, love what He loves, hate what He hates and do His works.

In short: **A disciple is a person who is becoming conformed in every way to the image of Christ.**



# WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP TO BEING A DISCIPLE?

Being a “disciple” or a “devoted follower” of Jesus is the big picture. But what exactly does that look like? What does someone do after they are saved?

Jesus said that we are to make disciples and, “Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you to do.” (Matthew 28:20). Here is a partial list of what Jesus commanded us to do:

- Get baptized
- Resist temptations to do wrong
- Mentor others
- Share about Jesus
- Pray
- Participate in local church
- Submit to Jesus as Lord (boss)
- Celebrate communion regularly
- Sacrificially serve others
- Live unashamed of Jesus
- Overcome discouragements
- Praise and worship God
- Be filled with Holy Spirit
- Help new believers
- Study the Bible daily
- Oppose false teaching
- Humbly submit to others
- Follow God’s special calling
- Trust God, no matter what
- Persevere in the storms of life
- And more...

## THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT!

You might think, “Wow, that’s a lot. How do I possibly do all that?” You are right, it is a lot, and you need help to understand and do these things. **Thankfully, help is available through Discipleship Journeys with Jesus!**

# WE CAN HELP YOU!

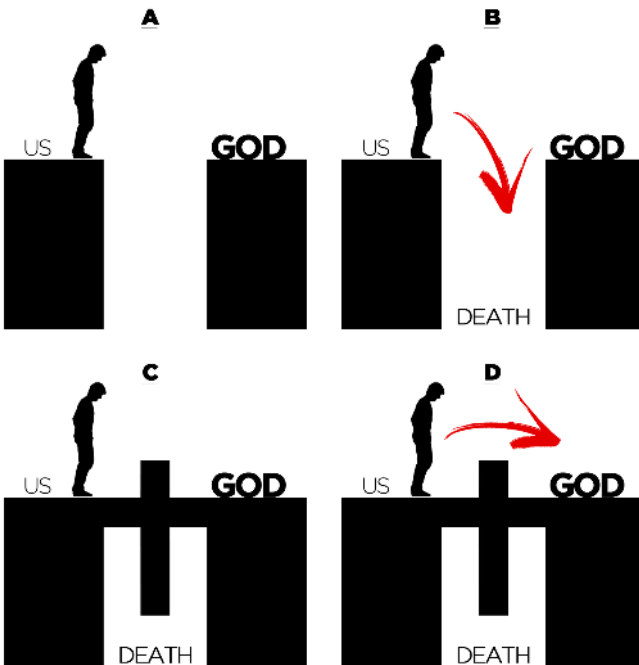
## THE BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

Discipleship Journeys with Jesus provides a plan--a clear process for being a disciple and making more disciples. There are dozens of interactive studies based on journeys with Jesus from the Bible. These studies are designed to help believers grow from A to Z in following Christ and being a disciple.

You are invited to use these discipleship journeys absolutely free of charge to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to "go and make disciples."

Get started today by visiting [djministry.org](http://djministry.org) and download the journeys!

The first discipleship journey lesson, in an abbreviated form, can be found on the next pages. Please do this journey right away, preferably with at least one other Christian.



We are separated from God. His desire is to give us eternal life. We can cross the bridge to God, through Jesus' death on the cross. Then the discipleship adventure begins!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JOURNEY 1

### Jesus' Journey to the Cross

From a Bible, either printed or online, read Mark 15.

**Answered in this journey:** What does Jesus' Journey to the Cross tell us about eternal salvation?

1 When questioned, why do you think Jesus did not try to defend Himself?  
(Mark 15:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_

2 Based on these Scriptures, was Jesus' journey to the cross accidental or deliberate? \_\_\_\_\_

Why would Jesus deliberately journey to Jerusalem and to the cross? Read John 3:14-18. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The reference to Moses lifting up a serpent in the wilderness refers to a plague where poisonous snakes were killing many Israelites. (Numbers 21:6-9) The miraculous solution God brought was that a brass serpent was fashioned and put on a pole (like a cross). When the Israelites looked in faith at the serpent, they were miraculously healed--a wonderful symbol of Jesus being lifted up on the cross.

3 On a human level, why did the chief priests want Jesus crucified?  
(Mark 15:10) \_\_\_\_\_

On a human level, why did Pilate have Jesus crucified? (Mark 15:15)

**SUMMARY:** On a human level, the Jewish and Roman leaders crucified Jesus for sinful reasons. But God had a different plan: "Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God." (1 Peter 3:18a)

What did Jesus say His mission was in Mark 10:45? \_\_\_\_\_

4 According to Romans 3:23, what is the spiritual condition of all people? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Read Romans 6:23. What wages do all people earn because of their sins? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Colossians 2:14, what did God do with our sin? \_\_\_\_\_

So what did God accomplish by Jesus' death, according to 1 Peter 3:18?

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**6** Why did people mock Jesus (Mark 15:29-30, also John 2:18-22)

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What happened three days later? Mark 16:1-6

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What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection for us? 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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**7** What are the two requirements for eternal life found in Romans 10:9?  
**NOTE:** Confessing Jesus as "Lord" means making Him the boss of your life.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Have you met these two requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you absolutely sure that you have eternal life based on God's promise in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, please make this prayer right now:

**L**ord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins and rising from the dead to overcome sin and death. I receive your gift of salvation. Come into my life, help me to live for you and know that I am yours. In Jesus name Amen.

Jesus' journey to the cross was a deliberate giving of Himself to die for the sins of every person in the world (past, present, and future). He did not stay dead. He rose to life three days later to overcome sin and death for all who put their faith in Him!

This is just the first of many discipleship journeys you need to travel to learn everything God wants you to know about following Jesus. So, if you have not done so yet, go to [djministry.org](http://djministry.org), register and receive access to all the journeys at no cost.

**God bless you as you journey with the Lord Jesus in discipleship!**

## ARE YOU READY TO MOVE ON?

Honestly check the option that most accurately describes your current discipleship journey.



- RED:** I am stuck. I need help from a mentor.
- YELLOW:** I still have a few questions or need to do some more homework on salvation.
- GREEN:** I have received Jesus as my Savior from sins and as the Lord of my life. I have eternal life!

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Journeys  
with *Jesus*

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