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As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. **"Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.** – Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

Jesus brings understanding to our mysterious God.

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God."
– Colossians 1:15 NLT)

Jesus clarifies what it means to be "Christian."

"Christ is the Son of God. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does and the Holy Ghost will arise in us. He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has — by what I call "good infection." **Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else.**" – C. S. Lewis

**Jesus makes our lives more attractive
to the world around us.**

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. – 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

"Jesus Is The Subject"

**Trust in Jesus as the only way
to be "right with God."**

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

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. – Romans 3:22 (NLT)

**Spend an absurd amount of time
studying His Life.**

And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. **We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.**
– Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

**Make Jesus the "filter" for how you think,
how you speak, and what you do.**

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

– Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)