

# not a fan.

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to Follow Him. He's not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers.

# THE PATH

*I am the TRUTH | March 30, 2014*

## What is truth?

- Which statement best reflects your take on truth?:
- The truth is rarely pure, and never simple.
- Truth is self-evident by nature. As soon as you clear the cobwebs of ignorance that surround it, it shines clear.
- If you always tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.
- A lie gets halfway around the world before truth has a chance to get its pants on.

**Take a moment to consider some of the destructive untruths that you have believed about yourself in the past.**

## Jesus is trustworthy.

We can trust the words of Jesus as true. He wants to speak words of healing and wholeness in the middle of our brokenness. John 14:1-7

## Jesus is selfless

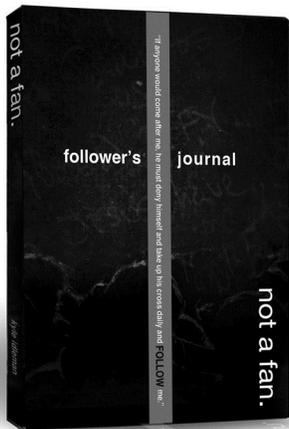
Too often we grow wary of the words of others as we try to understand their hidden motives. Jesus chooses to call us his friend, and is interested in our good. John 15:13-16

## Jesus is supporting us

Were the first disciples afraid of being abandoned by Jesus as he talked about going away? How often do you struggle with feeling alone on the journey of faith. As followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit is always with us as our advocate and guide. John 14:25-27

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# Boost

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00pm  
April 23-May 28



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**What is Lent?** *The 40 day period of preparation before the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The 40 days goes along with Jesus' 40 day temptation!*

### **Day #23: March 31 - Monday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? I AM...**

God's first introduces Himself by name to Moses at the "burning bush." God calls Himself: "I AM who I AM." While this might sound mystical to us, the greater point is that God is not some ambiguous, mysterious "cosmic force" – He has a Name. He can be known.

His Son, Jesus, who is called Immanuel ("God WITH us"), is the visible image of the invisible "I AM." I AM has come to us in the person of Jesus.

**READ:** Exodus 3:13-14, Matthew 1:20-24, John 8:48-59, 18:1-6, Colossians 1:15, 2:9, Hebrews 1:3

**Think About It:** Is there comfort or distress in knowing a God who calls himself by this name?

I AM contains way more than our minds can handle. When you think of God, what descriptive name forms in your mind? Judge, Father, Friend, Redeemer, something else? Does what you know about Jesus challenge or confirm this view?

### **Day #24: April 1 - Tuesday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? Creator**

It can be easy to forget that Jesus was active before He was born as a human. Sure, we can imagine He was in heaven before His "appearance" in the Gospels, but doing what? Just sitting there at the right hand of God?

Before He appears on the scene as a baby, born to Mary & Joseph, Jesus is involved! He was active in creation and continues sustaining creation, holding all things together.

**READ:** Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3

**Think About It:** Have you ever considered Jesus, the Word, as Creator? When you look at creation, what does it tell you about Jesus? How do you feel about the idea of Jesus holding all things together?

### **Day #25: April 2 - Wednesday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? Lamb of God**

Passover was instituted during the 10th plague, when God set the Hebrews free from Egyptian bondage. The blood of perfect, innocent lambs, applied to the doorframes of each home, protected the inhabitants from the plague of death; death "passed over." The meal of lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread gave the Hebrews strength for the journey ahead of them. God instructed His people to commemorate Passover every year, pointing them forward to when the Perfect Passover Lamb would be sacrificed once, for all.

Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, crucified on Passover, sets us free from the bondage of sin. The blood He shed on the cross "protects" all who believe from eternal death in hell. Those who put their faith in Him are continually strengthened for the journey ahead.

**READ:** Exodus 12:1-3, 5-13, John 1:24-30, 19:14-16, 19:31-37, Isaiah 53:4-7, I Peter 1:18-20, Revelation 5:11-13

**Think About It:** Are you still living in bondage to sin? Has the blood of Jesus been "applied to the doorframe" of your life? Are you drawing strength from Christ? If not, what needs to change? What other connections do you see between the Passover lamb in Exodus and Jesus, the Passover Lamb crucified on Calvary?

### **Day #26: April 3 - Thursday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? High Priest**

After the Exodus from Egypt (at Mt. Sinai), God ordained that Moses' brother Aaron and his descendants would serve as High Priest. The High Priest was responsible for presenting sacrifices & offerings to God. He served as the intercessor, representing God to the worshippers, and the worshippers to God. The High Priest was responsible for following the strict ceremonial laws God had established for atoning for sin: both his own sin, and the sin of the people. This involved daily and annual sacrifices. Jesus is now our High Priest. He is interceding for us in heaven. No other sacrifices are necessary, because He offered Himself, as the perfect, sinless and final sacrifice for sin. Jesus is not only the High Priest who makes intercession for us, He is also the Lamb, the sacrifice for our sin.

**READ:** Hebrews 5:1-3, 7:23-27, 10:11-14, 4:13-16

**Think About It:** What does it mean to you that Jesus is your High Priest and is interceding for you? How does it comfort you that Jesus empathizes with your weaknesses? Does having Jesus interceding as your High Priest help you to approach God's throne of grace with confidence?

### **Day #27: April 4 - Friday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? I AM the Bread of Life**

Who doesn't love bread! Is there anything better than the smell of freshly baked bread? Bread is a staple in every kitchen in nearly every culture, unless you're on a low-carb or gluten free diet.

When the Hebrews were hungry in the wilderness, God provided bread from heaven: manna. They ate manna during their entire 40 year wilderness journey. When they reached Canaan, the Promised Land, the manna stopped. Manna was the only consistent source of food. There was provision for every day.

Jesus called Himself "the Bread of Life," because He is the only source that will satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

**READ:** Exodus 16:2-5, 16:11-27, 16:31, John 6:25-35, 47-51, Matthew 5:6

**Think About It:** Do you have a hunger & a thirst for righteousness? Ask Christ to give you a hunger & a thirst for Him. Manna was provided every day, but they were still required to collect it. What kind of daily effort do you make to satisfy your spiritual hunger? Are you consuming fresh Bread every day, or are you trying to stay nourished on yesterday's portion?

### **Day #28: April 5 - Saturday**

#### **WHO is Jesus? I AM the Light of the World**

Light: it exposes things and it illuminates.

Sometimes light is uncomfortable, like when it's shining in your eyes or showcasing the dust on your coffee table. Other times light is comforting. Back alleys and remote parking garages aren't nearly as creepy when they're well lit. Dark woods aren't as scary when you have a flashlight in your hand. Isn't it interesting how little light it takes to dispel the darkness?

The Light of Jesus is the same. It will reveal areas in your life that are "dirty," it illuminates obstacles or areas of danger, and will guide you when the road ahead seems dark or uncertain.

Jesus called himself the Light of the World, but he also called us the light of the world! When we receive Christ, He puts His Light in us to shine out of us wherever we go.

**READ:** John 8:12, 9:5, 12:35-36, I John 1:5-7, Matthew 5:14-15

**Think About It:** Is the world brighter because of the Light you carry? Or is the darkness swallowing you? Are you walking in the Light? Are there areas of your life you are intentionally keeping in the shadows?

**April 6 - Sunday Sabbath Celebration  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM**