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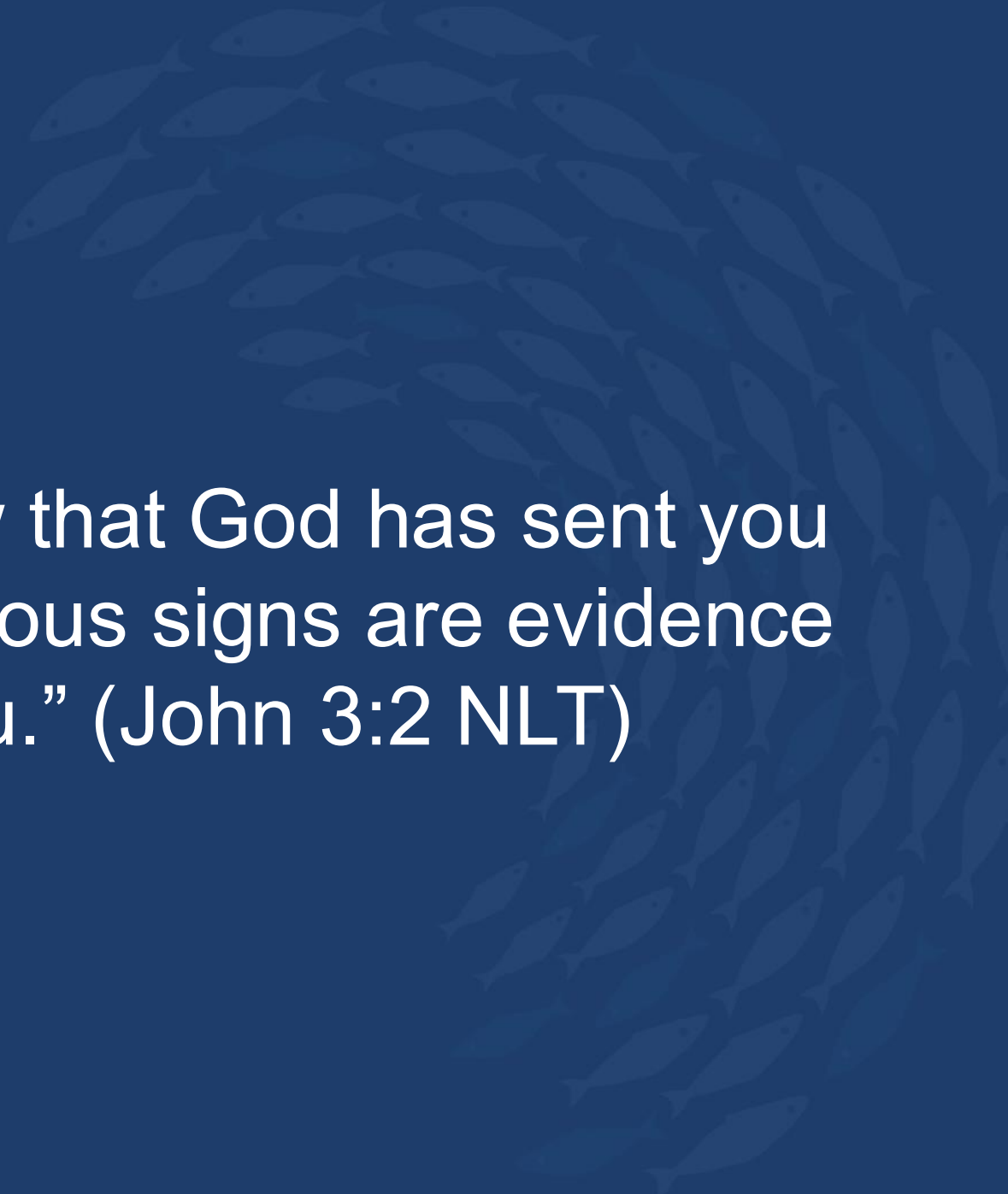


Rabbi

“Teacher” or “Master”

⁴⁰ Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.
(Luke 6:40 NLT)

³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following.
“What do you want?” he asked them. They
replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where
are you staying?” ³⁹ “Come and see,” he said...
(John 1:38-39 NLT)



² ... “Rabbi...we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.” (John 3:2 NLT)



Disciple

“Student” or “Apprentice”

21““If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.’ 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.” (Matthew 19:21-22 NLT)



The call to place our faith in Jesus,
IS a call to follow Jesus



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Who or What Are
We Following?

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. (Eph 2:1-3 NLT)

42 ...“If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. 43 Why can’t you understand what I am saying? It’s because you can’t even hear me! 44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:42-44 NLT)



If we are not following Jesus in faith,
then we are following Satan in his rebellion

¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. (Galatians 5:19-21 NLT)

Jesus is a better master because he is gentle and humble.

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 NLT)

Jesus is a better master because he embraces the outcast.

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

(Matthew 9:9-13 NLT)

**Jesus is a better master, because
he forgives radically.**

³³ When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. (Luke 23:33-34 NLT)

*Behold the man upon a cross:
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life:
I know that it is finished.*

“How Great the Father’s Love” - Stuart Townsend

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. (Romans 10:9-10 NLT)

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There is More!



Who will you follow?
Who do you want to be like?