

*Living in
my Father's
Shadow*



Understanding the Relationship

**If you want to know the father look at the son
(John 10:30)**

**Watching Jesus is like watching the father
(John 14:7)**

Jesus came to do the father's will (John 6:38)

**Thus if we stay in Jesus' Shadow and He is in God's
shadow then ultimately we are living
in our Father's shadow (John 14:20)**



How do you stay in His shadow?

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10

How do I keep His commands?



How to I Keep His Commands?

The moment we decided not to follow the game is over and instead of walking in His shadow, we begin to cast our own shadow.

The idea of physically walking in the shadow of Jesus is impossible

We can as individuals and as a church look at his ministry do what Jesus did.



The Ministry of Jesus Summed Up!

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



Matthew 9:35-38



The Ministry of Jesus Summed Up!



Doing what Jesus Did

Seeing what Jesus Saw



**Head to the Park for Inside Out!
(Father's Day)**

Feeling what Jesus Felt

Saying what Jesus Said

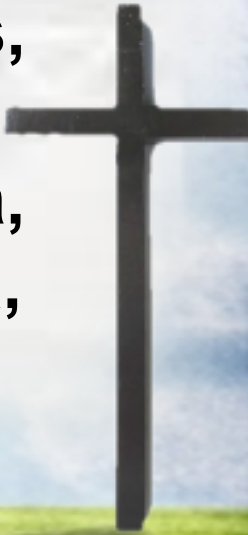


Doing what Jesus Did Casting the Shadow



Going: Jesus went through all the towns and villages

**Nazareth, Bethany, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem,
Sychar, Samaria, Cana, Galilee, Nain, Gerasenes,
Bethsaida, Gennesaret, Tyre, Sidon, Gerasa,
Scythopolis, Hippos, Gadara, Pella, Philadelphia,
Al Husn in Jordan, Capitolias, Canatha, Arabella,
Raphana, Damascus, Caesarea Philippi,
and Jericho**



NO "home base"

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."



Matthew 8:20

The early church had no central point

Unlike the temple in the Old Testament, where the presence of God resided, a church building is just a tool to help us in our mission



**To compare a church building
to the temple is incorrect**



**Do you not know that your bodies are
temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom
you have received from God? You are not your
own; you were bought at a price. Therefore
honor God with your bodies.**



1 Corinthians 6:19-20



**We are called to live in the
shadow of Christ, not the
confines of a building**



Our Purpose is...
to give glory to God
by meeting people where they are,
sharing Jesus with them
in a meaningful way,
and encourage them to live
in a growing relationship with Him.

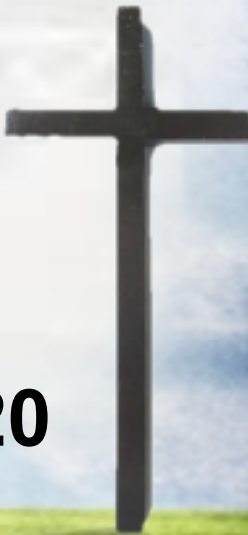


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to Christ we must go to them**



**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching
them to obey everything I have commanded
you. And surely I am with you always, to the
very end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:19-20



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**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and
to the ends of the earth.”**

Acts 1:8



Once he got there what else did he "do"

Teaching in their synagogues

Synagogues: The building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction

At a minimum, a synagogue is a be a "house of prayer"

A place of Study

Most synagogues also have a social hall for religious and non-religious activities



Once he got there what else did he "do"

**In addition, the synagogue functioned
as a social "welfare agency"**

The local Jewish "market"

No sacrificing was done there

**As you read through scripture you will see
mentioned many times of early churches
meeting in the synagogue**

Familiar

Available

"Free"



**Jesus taught those
that already knew
about God**



**If we wanted to pull this into
our modern culture,
this would be the idea
of Discipleship**



Preaching the good news of the kingdom

The verb changed to preach

The word actually means proclaim

The message focused on the Kingdom

It was Good News (Gospel)

**Pulling this into our modern culture
this would be sharing Christ with those
that do not have a relationship with him**



Healing Every Disease and Sickness

We all have gifts

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Jesus used the gift of healing
to draw people to the message

He used the gift to meet a physical need in order
to prepare the way to share the message





**Are we living in His
Shadow?**

