

What Did Jesus Actually Do?



FROM BAPTISM TO HIS RESURRECTION

1. He built His ministry upon the ministry of John the Baptist and the prophets.
 - **Models Humility**
2. He submitted to the Father's will and was baptized to identify with those He came to save.
 - **Models Obedience**
3. He launched His ministry from God's approval, not for God's approval.
 - **Models Motivation for Ministry**
4. He faced "the world's" 3 universal temptations and defeated Satan's strategies by the sword of the Spirit.
 - **Models Spiritual Warfare**
5. Jesus taught the Truth to individuals, religious leaders, and the multitudes; then personally invested in hearers who responded in faith/obedience.
 - **Models Courage - Cleansing the Temple**
 - **Models Compassion - to the hated Samaritan and Roman**
 - **Models Challenging the status quo**
6. He faces rejection by His family and hometown; confirms His identity from God's Word. (Isaiah 61)
 - **Models Source of Personal Identity**
7. He selected a private, closed small group to grow the good mustard seed into branches that would transform the world.
 - **Models Leadership Development**
8. He informally and formally did life with the disciples as they watched Him teach and do the ministry.
 - **Models a Lifestyle Process, Not a Rigid Program**

9. He empowered and delegated His followers to do what He did.

- **Models Spiritual Reproduction**

10. He debriefed, encouraged, reproofed, rebuked, and taught the faithful for 18 months prior to his crucifixion.

- **Models Evaluation and Training**

11. He voluntarily chose (against His emotional and personal desires) to surrender to the Father's will and go to the cross and die.

- **Models Absolute Surrender**

12. He was resurrected (Romans 6) for us and then encouraged, forgave, restored, and prepared the Apostles and followers for 40 days in His resurrected body. Then He commanded them (Matthew 28) to become like Him to do what He did. (Colossians 1:28-29).

- **Models Hope and Clear Expectations**

SUMMARIZING JESUS' MODELING:

- **SURRENDERED** to God – Baptism → again in the Garden
- **SEPARATE** from the world's values – Temptation in the wilderness → in the Garden
- **SOBER SELF-ASSESSMENT** – at Home rejection → from God His calling
- **SERVING** in love – Peter's mother-in-law – 18-month band of brothers (John 13)
- **SUPERNATURALLY** responding to evil with good – Leper /Demoniac → religious leaders and the world (Romans 5:8)