

A dramatic, high-contrast image of Jesus Christ with long hair and a beard, wearing a brown robe. He is shown from the chest up, with his right hand extended forward, palm up, as if offering or inviting. The background is a sunset over the ocean, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and silhouetting the clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and divine presence.

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**From that time Jesus
began to
preach.....**



The Law of First Mentions

A biblical interpretation that suggests a word or concept's first appearance in scripture provides a key to its meaning

Repent

Change your mind or
change your thinking or
the way you have been
conditioned to think.

Repentance

It is the necessary mental shift that allows a person to access, experience, and live in the kingdom of God on earth.

Kingdom of Heaven

The place where God's throne is

Heaven is my throne and
earth is my footstool.

Isaiah 66:1

Kingdom of God

Heaven's influence (culture, laws, principles) on the Earth.

Thy kingdom come thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. **Matthew 6:10**

**Most of our Preaching
Is about how to get into
the kingdom but not about
what the kingdom is.**

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Semikhah (Rabbinic authority)

**That conferred the right of a
rabbi to issue his own
interpretation of the law or
“yoke”**

**Take my yoke upon you, and
learn of me; for I am meek
and lowly in heart; and you
shall find rest to your soul.
For my yoke is easy and my
burden is light. **Matthew 11:29, 30****

Semikhah (Rabbinic authority)

The people were astonished at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22

**YOU HAVE HEARD IT WAS
SAID.....**



BUT I SAY TO YOU.....

Matthew 5

RELATIONAL

FOLLOW

ME



TRANSFORMATIVE



I

WILL

MAKE

YOU

MISSIONAL



FISHERS
OF
MEN

Matthew 4:19

21 TIMES JESUS SAID



**FOLLOW
ME**



FOLLOW ME

**You did not choose
me I chose you!**

John 15:16

FOLLOW ME

He did not choose the best he

chose the willing! Whosoever

wills, let him come. Revelation 22:17

FOLLOW ME

**According as he has chosen
us in him before the
foundation of the world.....**

Ephesians 1:4

Relational

Where one person is the leader (the speaker saying it) and the other is the follower (the person being addressed) It involves submission to authority.

Relational

Discipleship is fundamentally relational, mirroring the intimate loving relationship Jesus had with his disciples

Relational

Follow Me: Follower and the leader's life become intertwined

- Do life together
- Spending time together
- Bonding together

Relational

Follow Me: Require mutual commitment, dedication and loyalty from the follower. The willingness to obey and trust the leader, even through challenges

Relational

Follow Me: Leaving behind old identities and priorities and adopting a new way living aligned with the leader's example and teachings