

Following the Master

The Servant Jesus

I. Introduction

- A. "Sepphoris" was called the "Ornament of Galilee." (Josephus)
- B. John 1:45-46 (NLT) ⁴⁵Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶"Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.
- C. Matt. 6:2 (NLT) *When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.*
- D. Matt. 6:16 (NLT) *"And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get."*
- E. Matt. 5:14 (NLT) *"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."*
- F. Matt. 5:16 (NLT) *In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*
- G. John 1:29 (NLT) *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
- H. John 3:26 (NLT) *"Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us."*
- I. John 3:27-29 (NLT) ²⁷John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' ²⁹It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success."
- J. John 3:30 (NLT) *He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.*
- K. Luke 22:24-27 (NLT) ²⁴Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' ²⁶But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves."
- L. John 13:15 (NLT) *I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.*

II. Conclusion