

What Is A Disciple Of Christ According To The Scriptures?

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Disciples are made

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and **make disciples** [imperative mood] of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Baptized

John 4:1-2 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that **Jesus made and baptized more disciples** than John, 2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

Committed church members

Acts 14:27-28 Now when they had come and gathered **the church** together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 So they stayed there a long time **with the disciples**.

Taught to observe His commandments

Matthew 28:20 **Teaching them** [disciples v.19] **to observe** all things **whatsoever I have commanded you**: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Disciples are called Christians

Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with **the church**, and taught much people. And **the disciples were called Christians** first in Antioch.

Christ's disciples love one another

John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you **have love for one another**."

Waiting for the kingdom of God

John 19:38 After this, **Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus,**

Mark 15:43 Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also **waited for the kingdom of God**, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

Disciples know that Jesus is the Christ

Matthew 16:20 Then He commanded **His disciples** that they should tell no one that **He was Jesus the Christ**.

They followed Him

Matthew 8:23 Now when He got into a boat, **His disciples followed Him**.

Disciples desire to be taught

Luke 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of **His disciples said to Him**, "Lord, **teach us** to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

Disciples inquire and ask questions

Matthew 13:10 And the **disciples** came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

He revealed things to His disciples

Mark 4:34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, **He explained all things to His disciples.**

Disciples know the secrets of the kingdom

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them [disciples v.10], Because **it is given unto you to know the mysteries [secrets] of the kingdom** of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Disciples of Christ refuse to obey traditions of men

Matthew 15:2 "Why do **Your disciples** transgress the tradition of the elders? For **they do not wash their hands** when they eat bread."

Disciples obey the commands of Jesus

Matthew 21:6 So the disciples went and **did as Jesus commanded them.**

Disciples are filled with joy and the Spirit

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

No room for ?me first?

Matthew 8:21-22 Then another of **His disciples** said to Him, "Lord, let **me first** go and bury my father." 22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

A disciple becomes like His teacher

Matthew 10:25 "It is enough for a **disciple** that he **be like his teacher**, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household!

Disciples abide in the words of Christ

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples** indeed.

Disciples bear much fruit

John 15:8 "By this My Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit**; so you will be **My disciples.**

Discipleship will cost us our close relationships

Luke 14:26-27 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate [must love me more than NLT] his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, **he cannot be My disciple.** 27 "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me **cannot be My disciple.**

Christ is close to His disciples ? His brothers

Matthew 12:49-50 And He stretched out His hand toward **His disciples** and said, "**Here are My mother and My brothers!** 50 For whosoever shall **do the will of my Father** which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Not all disciples endured to the end

John 6:66 From that *time* many of **His disciples** went back and walked with Him no more.

A disciple can betray his Lord

John 12:4 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said,

Disciples can deny their Lord

John 18:17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

Disciples are persecuted

Acts 9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Disciples can be deceived

Acts 20:30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

The goal of the disciple is to enter into the kingdom of God

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."