

# PathLights

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path"  
Psalm 119:104*

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## Just Like Jesus

by Frank Himmel

Jesus is our example. Here are a few things God's word says we are to do just as Jesus did. Search your Bible for others.

**Love.** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

**Serve.** Earlier in the same chapter, after washing the disciples' feet to teach the lessons of humility and service, Jesus said, "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you" (John 13:14-16).

**Forgive.** "Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you" (Colossians 3:13).

**Suffer.** "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting



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Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:21-23)

**Live anew.** "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). ■

# Speaking of Things Concerning the Kingdom

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Luke summarized the period between Jesus' resurrection and ascension this way: "To these [apostles] He also presented Himself alive by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). What were Jesus last-minute words about the kingdom of God?

- Did Jesus tell the apostles that His kingdom had been postponed, that He was wrong three years ago when He preached, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15)?
- Did Jesus tell them that a great "parenthesis" was about to begin, that the predictions of the Old Testament prophets were about to be put on hold for several thousand years?
- Did Jesus tell them to continue to trust what the prophets said, even though they had incorrectly foretold that opposition would not prevent God from enthroning the Messiah (Psalm 2)?
- Did Jesus tell them that all authority would eventually be given to Him, but not yet; that would not occur until He returned to earth and began a thousand-year reign in Jerusalem?

If the popular theories of our day are true, that is what Jesus would have said. He said no such things.

The gospel writers record only a little of what Jesus said during that period. Luke does record these words, however:

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:44-47).

The prophecies were being fulfilled, not postponed! The gospel message which would soon be preached was not part of some stop-gap, parenthetical insertion into God's plan; it was what the prophets foretold all along. The opposition to Jesus was not in the way; it was the gateway to His glory, as He explained to the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:25-26). And Matthew records Jesus as saying at this time, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18).

Jesus was about to commence His reign in heaven. The question is, Is He reigning in your heart?



## Service Leaders for the Week

	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening	Wednesday Evening
GREETER	Adam Gibson	Chris Brooks	Howard Moore
SONG LEADER	Paul Richmond	Greg Winget	VBS
OPENING PRAYER	Mark Clifton	Justin Candella	
LORD'S SUPPER			
BREAD	Brian Wilson	Brian Wilson	
CUP	Kerry Gray	Kerry Gray	
CONTRIBUTION PRAYER	John Baucom		
SERMON/INVITATION	Frank Himmel	Frank Himmel	VBS
CLOSING PRAYER	Bruce Williams	Adam Wilson	VBS