

## DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

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*Great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me. "But don't begin until you count the cost... Luke 14:25-28*

mathetes - a learner, pupil, disciple, follower.

### A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

- TOUCHES THE UNTOUCHABLE.

*A man with leprosy came to (Jesus) and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Mark 1:40*

*Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man...Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. Mark 1:41-42*

splagchnizomai - to have the bowels yearn, deep and tender mercy, to be moved to action.

- BEFRIENDS THE UNWANTED.

*While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. Matthew 9:10*

*When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick...For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:11-13*

- OFFENDS PHARISEES.

*On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years...Then (Jesus) put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:10, 12*

*Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." Luke 13:14*