

③ Why was Christ so compelling? He said "Follow Me" + they did

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Qualities

- (1) No one was exempt from His ever compassion e.g. leper, prostitute, woman at the well
- (2) He mixed with wealthy + the poor, Tax collector + the leggan, Simon the Pharisee
- (3) He was never intimidated by the norms of behavior or the power of the leaders - He broke their rules, cleansed the temple
- (4) He was never seduced by the crowd - e.g. to make Him King - or feed them
- (5) He pulled no punches in his teaching - even if the people walked away + never returned (Jo. 8)
- (6) He refused to use His power for His own gain + glory
- (7) His mission was to seek + save the lost - and to serve, not rule

→ NB Christ was compelling because He imposed on this fallen world the culture of eternity - He made a difference because He was different

C.S. Lewis notes "Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in, Aim at earth and you get neither"

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their rules, ceremonial, the temple
(4) He was never accused by the crowd - to

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(5) He would say things in his teaching even if
the people walked away & never returned (Joh 6)
(6) He refused to use his power for his own
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Christ was revolutionary because the
message on this fallen world, the culture
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