



Jesus is the greatest leader in world history. No human being has had more followers than Jesus. No one has had a greater influence on the world for good than Jesus. No one has been honored more than Jesus.

We are all leaders. If you want to become a successful leader, you need to learn from the greatest leader in world history.

What was it about Jesus that made Him the greatest leader of all time?

- [Jesus was a servant leader.](#)

Jesus was God. He had unlimited power. He had unlimited resources. He had unlimited knowledge.

[Instead of using His power, resources, and knowledge to serve Himself, He used these things to serve others.](#)

He emptied Himself to make others successful. He sacrificed Himself to serve the needs of others.



- [Jesus was a forgiving leader.](#)
- [Jesus was a courageous leader.](#)

What else made Jesus the greatest leader in world history?

One word in scripture that is used frequently to describe God is the word ***faithful***.

## Deuteronomy 7:9

9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments...

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The word faithful comes from the Hebrew word 'aman (aw-man'); a primitive root; properly, to build up or support; to be trustworthy; dependable; reliable; morally to be true or certain.

The word picture from the word faithful was a parent or a nurse fostering a child.

In this verse Moses described God as faithful because He keeps covenant.

The word keep comes from the Hebrew word shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to.

The word covenant comes from the Hebrew word beriyth (ber-eeth'); a commitment; an obligation.

The word picture for the Hebrew word beriyth or covenant was passing between two pieces of flesh from a sacrifice. This symbolized that the commitment was a blood covenant or a covenant that a person would die to protect.

When two parties entered into a beriyth or covenant they formed a union, a confederacy, a pact. The covenant would have terms. If the terms were broken, the innocent party was released from the commitment and obligation.

In Deuteronomy 7:9, Moses said God is faithful because He keeps covenant and mercy. He said mercy because God is not quick to end a covenant but is long suffering and kind.

In the Old Testament God made a number of covenants with men.

- [Adamic Covenant](#)
- [Noahic Covenant](#)
- [Abrahamic Covenant](#)
- [Mosaic Covenant](#)
- [Davidic Covenant](#)
- [New Covenant](#)

The most important covenant in the bible that God made with mankind is called the new covenant.

## [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah —

32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

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In this covenant God committed Himself to forgive the Jews for their sins and to change their hearts so that they would be committed to obey Him. He also committed Himself to create a universal knowledge of Himself. What was extended to the Jews would be extended to the world.

Isaiah 40:5

5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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Isaiah 49:6

6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

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Joel 2:28-29

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

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The prophets of the Jews predicted that this new covenant would be established by a Messiah and would require the His suffering to atone for the sins of the world.

Isaiah 53:1-6

53 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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Jesus was and is that messiah. His record of being faithful and doing what He committed Himself to do is astounding. It is another reason that Jesus is the greatest leader in world history. Jesus is faithful!

#### 1. Jesus was faithful to God the Father.

His record of faithfulness begins before the world was created.

1 Peter 1:17-21

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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John 1:1-5, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Knowing man would fall, Jesus agreed to a plan of redemption for mankind. He agreed to become a man and by His suffering atone for the sins of mankind. Not one time did He

waiver from that plan from the creation of mankind to that moment He said on the cross it is finished. Not one time did Jesus say and do anything that was not the will of His Father. Jesus did what He agreed to do.

Jesus was faithful to God the Father.

## 2. Jesus was faithful to His disciples.

As a part of the plan of redemption, Jesus also agreed to adopt 12 men to be His disciples.

[Luke 6:13](#)

[13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:](#)

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In Hebrew the word faithful comes from the word 'aman (aw-man'); a primitive root; properly, to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse.

The word picture for the word faithful is a foster parent that nurtures, builds up, and supports a child that is not their child by birth.

[Discipleship is agreeing to become a spiritual foster parent to others!](#)

As a part of the plan of redemption, Jesus agreed to become a spiritual foster parent to 12 men. He agreed to live with them 24/7 for three- and one-half years.

Jesus was faithful to them.

[John 13:1](#)

[13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.](#)

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Even though He was Lord, He served them. Jesus provided for their physical needs. Jesus taught them the truth about God and themselves. Jesus modeled for them how they should live.

Not one time did Jesus neglect them to fulfill His own selfish desires. Not one time was He disloyal to them even when they were disloyal to him. Not one time did He fail to give them the right guidance and direction. Not one time did He fail to be a model for them of how to live.

Before His death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus made specific promises to His disciples. He promised them that He would not leave them as orphans. He promised that He would send His holy Spirit to be with them and in them. He promised them that they would receive power to complete the mission He had given them. Jesus fulfilled all these promises. He did everything He agreed to do.

Jesus was faithful to His disciples.

### 3. Jesus was faithful to His church

As a part of the plan of redemption, Jesus also agreed that those who believed in Him would be called His church. [Matthew 16:18](#)

[18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.](#)

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Church means a calling out. The church is made up of those who have been called by God out of this world and respond in agreement to the call. That response is repentance of sin and faith in Jesus for forgiveness of sins. That response is publicly demonstrated through baptism in water. Jesus agreed to receive everyone who joined His church to His eternal kingdom.

There is nothing in this world that demands faithfulness more than marriage. There is no other relationship that is based on a lifetime commitment of faithfulness.

Through various stories that He told, Jesus called Himself the bridegroom and His church His bride.

[Matthew 9:15](#)

[15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.](#)

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His apostles picked up on this theme.

[Ephesians 5:25-27](#)

[25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.](#)

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Jesus agreed He would return to earth for His bride after He prepared a place for her in heaven. In the interim, Jesus agreed to be faithful to His bride in the following ways. Jesus agreed to give His Word to His bride. Jesus agreed to give her His gifts. Jesus agreed to be with her by His Spirit by through incredible storms of persecution. Jesus agreed to provide for her physical needs. Jesus agreed to be faithful to His bride even when she has not been sure about His love for her and faithful to Him.

[2 Timothy 2:13](#)

[13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.](#)

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Jesus agreed to never leave her or forsake her. He has been faithful to what He agreed to do for over 2000 years. Can you imagine having an engagement that lasts for over 2000 years?

Jesus agreed to return to earth for His bride. Then after the last judgment of the world and the wedding supper of the lamb, Jesus agreed He would be faithful to His bride for all of eternity. Jesus has done and will do everything for His church that He agreed to do.

Hebrews 6:17-19

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

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Jesus has been faithful to His church.



No leader who has ever lived has been more faithful to what He agreed to do than Jesus. It is one more reason why Jesus is the greatest leader in world history.

Will you become a faithful leader like Jesus? Will you do what you commit yourself to do?

How do you become a faithful leader like Jesus?

- **Salvation**  
Experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ
- **Surrender**  
Surrender your purpose in life for His purpose for your life
- **Surround**  
Surround yourself with people whose purpose is to follow Jesus

Salvation is a process of change that begins with your conversion to Christ and continues for the rest of your life. That process is called sanctification. It is a process of growing love and in faith. It is a process that does not occur in isolation. You have to surround yourself with people whose purpose is to follow Jesus.