

February 18 | Sunday

Renegade Gospel Series: The Rebel Jesus

Read [John 14:1-14](#)



19 | Mon – The man | Read [John 14:6](#)

What do you picture in your mind when you think of Jesus as a person? If you were to write down a list of characteristics about him, what words would you use? Would you consider him a rebel? Why or why not? Read what Jesus said in John 14:6. What is so radical about this familiar statement? Why do you think he spoke of himself this way? And what does that have to do with you?

20 | Tue – His radical actions | Read [John 2:13-17](#)

Jesus did not act like a normal rabbi. He challenged the religious status quo, touched diseased people, physically chased greedy money-changers out of the temple, taught truth with authority, ate dinner with known sinners, honored women - unheard of in that culture - and genuinely cared for those who, at first glance, would not be worth his time. Have you done anything recently at the Holy Spirit's prompting that might seem a little radical to others?

21 | Wed – His radical words | Read [Matthew 5:38-47](#)

'An eye for an eye' was the common Old Testament understanding of justice. Jesus' teachings gave his listeners a very different view. Imagine how radical these words sounded to a Jewish person who knew the Roman law required them to carry a Roman soldier's pack for a mile when the army moved and give up their coat to a Roman soldier in bad weather. Often Jesus' commands were the exact opposite of our natural inclination. What other things did Jesus say seem radical to you in light of our culture?

22 | Thu – His radical beliefs | Read [Matthew 5:17-22](#)

The Pharisees were strict observers of the Old Testament law which they had subdivided into 613 separate laws with 1500+ additional do/don't regulations. Was Jesus' purpose to set aside the law? Check out verse 17. Jesus shared the Pharisees ideals and at times he interpreted the law more strictly than even they did. While he called people to high standards, to enter a small gate and follow a narrow road into God's kingdom, he taught mercy and relationship over rigidity and judgement. How are you able to find this balance in your own life?

23 | Fri – His radical challenge | Read [Luke 9:23-24](#)

To be a leader, a person must have followers. One who aspire to be a great leader might judge success by the number of followers they have and will often focus only on the positive to recruit them. Jesus taught hard truth and did not promise easy living. He seemed to be more concerned with quality than quantity. In fact these words, reported by Luke, would discourage many. What keeps you connected to Jesus in view of what it may cost you?

24 | Sat – 4 views = 1 good news | Read [John 1:14](#)

Each of the gospel writers focused on a distinct identity of Jesus which was best understood by their specific audience. Matthew wrote to the Jews, introducing Jesus as their Messiah-Savior. Mark wrote to the elitist Romans, showing Jesus as the ultimate Servant. Luke wrote to the non-Jews, describing Jesus as the sinless Son of Man. John wrote to everyone, introducing the world to the Son of God. Which most resonates with you?