

~DISCIPLE (205)

[Hebrew, *lim mudh'*, Greek, *ma-the-tes'*]

- A taught one, a learner, a pupil. The **Hebrew** word for a disciple **Hebrew**, *lim mudh'* basically refers to one who learns, is taught, or is trained.
- Wrap up the attestation, put a seal about the Law among my **disciples!** (**Isaiah 8:16**) Footnote
- The related **Hebrew** word *mal-madh'* denotes a **goad** used to train cattle.
- And after him there proved to be Shamgar the son of Anath, and he went striking down the Philistines, six hundred men, with a cattle **goad**, and he too got to save Israel. (**Judges 3:31**)
- And Ephraim was a **trained** heifer loving to thresh, and I, for my part, passed over her good-looking neck. I make someone ride Ephraim. Judah plows, Jacob harrows for him. (**Hosea 10:11**)
- The **Greek** word *ma-the-tes'* **disciple**, primarily denotes one **who directs his mind to something**.
- In the Greek Scriptures we read of **disciples** of Jesus, of John the Baptizer, of the Pharisees, and of Moses.
- Then John's **disciples** came to him and asked; Why is it that we and the Pharisees practice fasting but your **disciples** do not fast? (**Matthew 9:14**)
- They said to him; The **disciples** of John fast frequently and offer supplications, and so do those of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink. (**Luke 5:33**)
- At this they reviled him and said; You are a **disciple** of that man, but we are **disciples** of Moses. (**John 9:28**)
- Jesus first **disciples** came from among the **disciples** of John.
- Again the next day John was standing with two of his **disciples**. (**John 1:35**)

- And as he looked at Jesus walking he said; See, the Lamb of God! (**John 1:36**)
- And the two **disciples** heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. (**John 1:37**)
- Then Jesus turned and, getting a view of them following, he said to them; What are you looking for? They said to him; Rabbi, which means, when translated, Teacher; Where are you staying? (**John 1:38**)
- He said to them; Come, and you will see. Accordingly they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. (**John 1:39**)
- Andrew the brother of Simon Peter was one of the two that heard what John said and followed Jesus. (**John 1:40**)
- First this one found his own brother, Simon, and said to him; We have found the Messiah, which means, when translated, Christ. (**John 1:41**)
- He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he said; You are Simon the son of John; You will be called Cephas. (**John 1:42**)
- The 12 chosen as apostles are called **disciples** at;
- So he summoned his twelve **disciples** and gave them authority over unclean spirits, in order to expel these and to cure every sort of disease and every sort of infirmity. (**Matthew 10:1**)
- Now when Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve **disciples**, he set out from there to teach and preach in their cities. (**Matthew 11:1**)
- In a wide sense the word **disciple** applied to those **believing Jesus teaching**, at least one of such being a secret **disciple**.
- And he came down with them and took his station on a level place, and there was a great crowd of his **disciples**, and a great multitude of people from all of Judea and Jerusalem and the maritime country of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and

be healed of their sicknesses. (Luke 6:17)

- Now after these things Joseph from Arimathea, who was a **disciple** of Jesus but a **secret one out of his fear of the Jews**, requested Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. Therefore he came and took his body away. (John 19:38)

- However, in the Gospel accounts **it usually applies to the body of intimate followers of Jesus who traveled with him on his preaching tours and who were taught and instructed by him.**

- The principal application of the term is to all those who not only believe Christ's teachings but also follow them closely. They must be taught to observe all the things Jesus commands.

- Go therefore and make **disciples** of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

- Teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (Matthew 28:20)

- Jesus purpose in teaching his **disciples** was to make them like himself, preachers and teachers of the Good News of the Kingdom. A pupil is not above his teacher, but everyone that is perfectly instructed will be like his teacher, Jesus said.

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- The effectiveness of Christ's teaching was proved by subsequent history. His **disciples** continued in the work he had taught them and made disciples throughout the Roman Empire, in Asia, Europe, and Africa, before the close of the **First Century**. This was their principal work, in accord with Jesus Christ's command at;

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- That Christians to this very day are obligated to make **disciples** of the people of the nations is made clear by the closing words of Jesus command:
- They are not making **disciples** for themselves, as those taught are really **disciples** of Jesus Christ, for it is the teaching, not of men, but of Christ, that they follow. For this reason the **disciples** were by divine providence called Christians.
- And, after he found him, he brought him to Antioch. It thus came about that for a whole year they gathered together with them in the congregation and taught quite a crowd, and it was first in Antioch that the **disciples** were by divine providence called Christians. ([Acts of Apostles 11:26](#))
- Similarly, the prophet Isaiah had **disciples** but not for himself. Isaiah's **disciples** knew Yehowah's law, and with them the testimony of the Law resided.
- Wrap up the attestation, put a seal about the Law among my **disciples!** ([Isaiah 8:16](#))
- Being a **disciple** of Jesus is not the taking of a course of ease in life. Jesus did not please himself, but he followed a path that involved the greatest resistance from the Devil and his agents.
- For even the Christ did not please himself, but just as it is written: The reproaches of those who were reproaching you have fallen upon me. ([Romans 15:3](#))
- He said that his **disciples** must love him more than their closest relatives on earth and even more than their own souls. They must love their Christian fellow **disciples**. They must bear spiritual fruitage.
- A person who wants to be a **disciple** of Jesus has to take up his torture stake and follow the path that Christ traveled. In doing this, he will have to say good-bye to all his belongings, but he will receive many more valuable things now, with persecutions, and with everlasting life to come.
- If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his

own soul, he cannot be my **disciple**. (Luke 14:26)

- Whoever is not carrying his torture stake and coming after me cannot be my **disciple**. (Luke 14:27)
- Thus, you may be sure, none of you that does not say good-bye to all his belongings can be my **disciple**. (Luke 14:33)
- By this all will know that you are my **disciples**, if you have love among yourselves. (John 13:35)
- My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my **disciples**. (John 15:8)
- Jesus said; Truly I say to you men, No one has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the Good News (Mark 10:29)
- Who will not get a hundredfold now in this period of time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields, with persecutions, and in the coming system of things everlasting life. (Mark 10:30)

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