

Behold Your Messiah

Week 3: Rabbi and Disciple

Rabbi in the 1st Century

The term rabbi meant _____ or _____ and was a term of respect for those who taught Torah.

Two types of Rabbis:

1. Torah Teacher:

- Must have the entire _____ memorized
- Could only teach _____ teachings regarding Torah and Mishnah

2. Rabbi with S'mikhah

- Must have the entire _____ memorized
- S'mikhah was required in order to give new interpretations (idiomatically referred to as "_____ of Torah" or "_____ of the Kingdom of Heaven.")

Matthew 11:28-30

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my **yoke** upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my **yoke** is easy, and my burden is light."*

- A Rabbi's Yoke was considered their way of "_____"; a Hebrew idiom regarding the correct teaching and living out Torah. In contrast, to _____ meant to teach and live Torah falsely.

No rabbi since Moses received his authority directly from _____, except Jesus the Messiah.

Luke 9:35

"This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

Talmid in the 1st Century

Jewish Education:

1. *Bet Sefer*: "House of the Book;" ages 4/5-10/12 for both boys and girls to learn reading and writing from a Torah Teacher
 - Upon graduation, students were expected to have the _____ memorized
2. *Bet Midrash*: "House of Learning;" ages 10/12-18/20; taught by a Rabbi
 - Teachings on the _____, _____, and _____
 - Emphasis on memorization of the _____

3. *Bet Talmud*: top _____ of all students; ages 18-30
- Required _____ to a Rabbi with *S'mikhah*
 - Students were called _____

To be chosen as a *talmid* meant the Rabbi said, "You have the potential to _____"

Matthew 4:18-20

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

His disciples didn't _____ him. Jesus _____ his disciples.

Challenge:

1. Are you a talmid?
2. Read one gospel a week, choosing a different gospel each week for the remainder of the study.

Hebrew Terms:

Mishnah: the compilation of traditional Jewish teaching thought to have been give to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai alongside the written Torah

S'mikhah: process of transference by the laying of hands upon another. Used in both sacrificial rites for transfer of sin onto sacrificial animal and in transfer of authority

Talmid: (s) disciple; *talmidim* is the plural "disciples"

Tanakh: a Hebrew acrostic *TNK* which encompasses all Hebrew Scripture (Christian Old Testament)

- **Torah**: first five books of Hebrew Moses which tradition says was written by Moses
- **Nevi'im**: the prophetic writings
- **Ketuvim**: the wisdom and historical books