

"CHOSEN AND TRAINED"

- Elijah
- Was more than just a faithful servant of the Lord.
 - Yes, he followed God in all that He asked of Him.
 - Yes, he made some mistakes along the way.

 - What does the life of Elijah teach us about discipleship?
 - Did he model discipleship the way Jesus taught it?

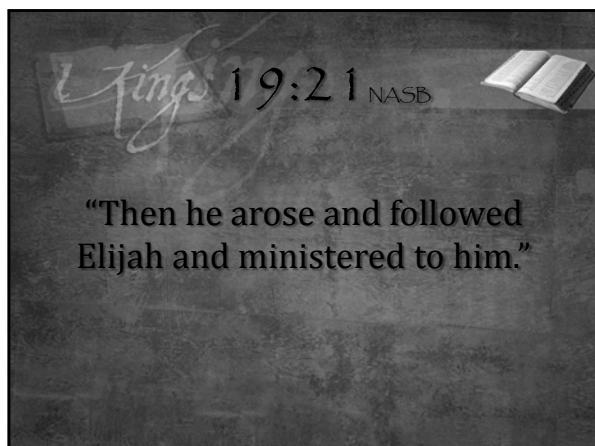
Luke 6:40^{NKJV}

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher."

- What does it mean here when it says "perfectly trained"?
- Perfect in a Hebrew mindset would have been synonymous with the word complete.
 - The Greek word is *katartizo* (καταρτίζω) which means "complete" or "fully".
 - To be perfect meant that you were complete, that you had or had been taught everything that you needed to accomplish the things your teacher could do.
 - We have the concept of an apprentice or intern still today that conveys the biblical concept of becoming a disciple.

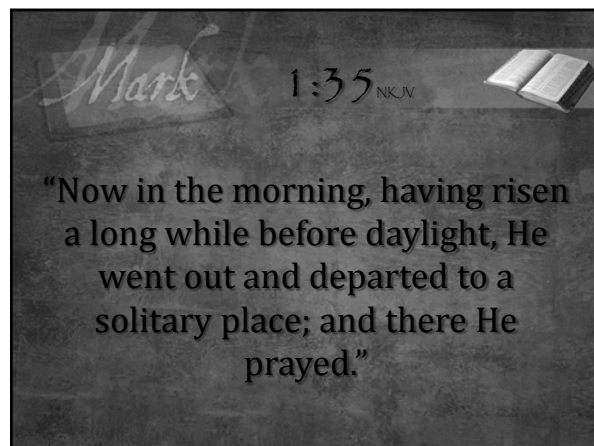
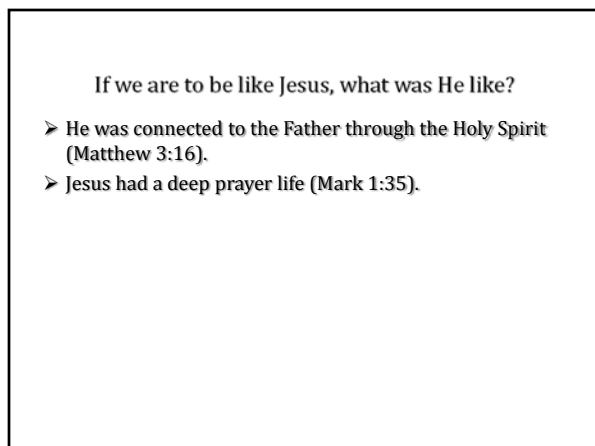
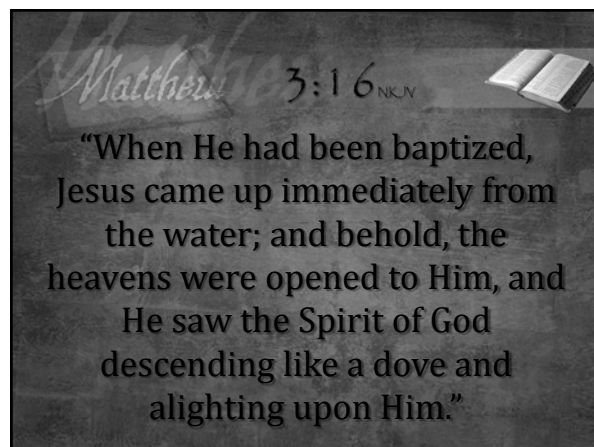
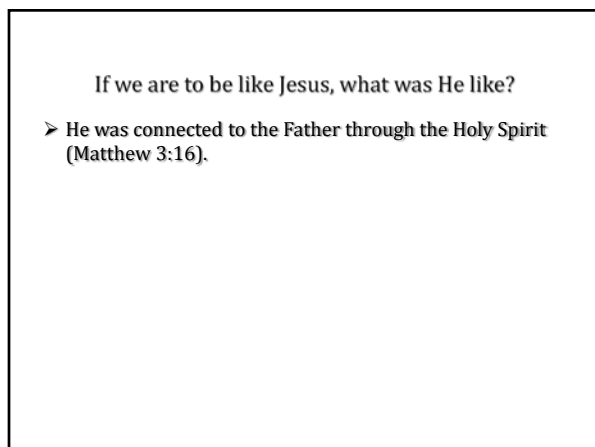
2 Kings 19:19^{NKJV}

"So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him."



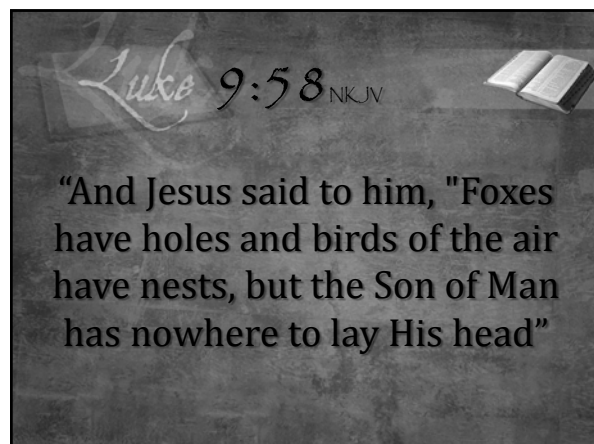
Did Elisha become a perfectly trained disciple?

- There are a couple of clues given to us:
 - ❖ Wherever Elijah went Elisha was close on his heels.
 - ❖ As Elisha spent time with Elijah he developed a desire for the things that his teacher had that equipped him for service to the Lord. Notice 2 Kings 2 with me.



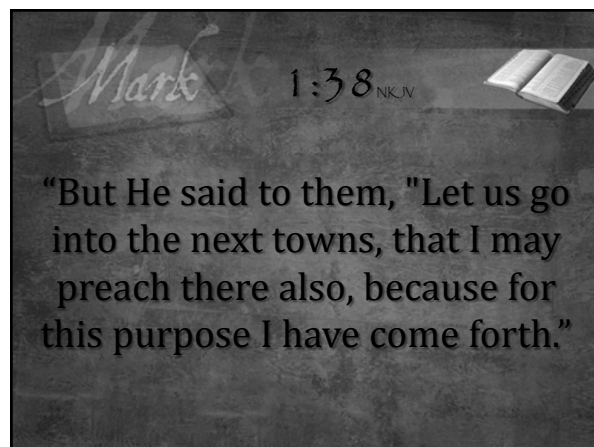
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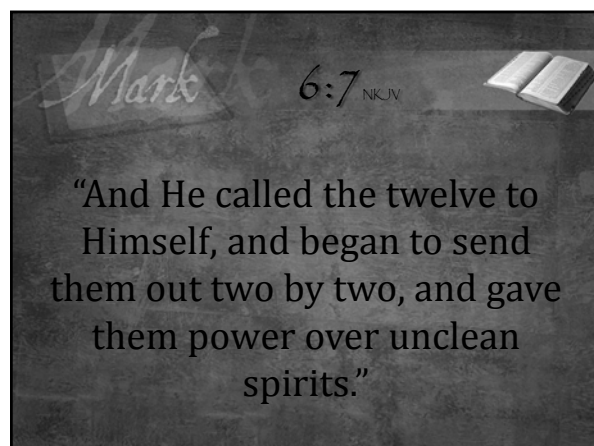
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- Jesus gave His disciples opportunities to go out and put into practice what they had learned (Mark 6:7).



When we are perfectly trained what will we look like?

- We will be connected to God the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- We will have a life that is saturated in prayer.
- No sacrifice to bring others to Christ will be too much.
- We will go out and seek those who do not know the Savior and those who need deeper truth.
- We will take the life-giving knowledge that we gain and seek others that we can impart that to; we will train others and pass the mantle to them.