

Unity teaches that the spirit of God lived in Jesus, just as it lives in every person. Every person has the potential to express the perfection of Christ as Jesus did by being more Christ-like in everyday life. Today's lesson looks at the deeper meaning in some of Jesus's teachings.

Here are some of the *Mystery Teachings of Jesus*:

- And he said to them, *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* Matt. 4:19 Jesus is saying to follow his example. He is inviting us to learn from him and to live by the truths that he taught. We become fishers of men as we live and share these truths with others so that they can live happy and prosperous lives.
- *I and the Father are one.* (John 10:30) Jesus is saying that the presence of God is within us. Unity believes that God is everywhere in the universe and in everything.
- *Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.* John (14:12) Jesus is teaching us that we can do everything that he did. He is not the great exception, he is the great example. By going to the father he is showing us that we can connect with our unlimited potential by going to the presence of God within us.
- *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions.* (Mark 11:26) Jesus is saying that for us to experience the fullness of God we must forgive ourselves and others. God does not withhold love or forgiveness from us. When we do not forgive ourselves or others we limit the amount of love we can accept.
- *Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.* (John 3:3) To be born again is to come to a new understanding or a new perception. Jesus is saying that when we change our thinking we change our life. As we let go of negative and fearful beliefs we experience more of the kingdom of God. Heaven or the kingdom of God is a peaceful and loving state of consciousness.
- *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.* (Luke 10:27) Jesus is reminding us to maintain our spiritual connection with God and to pray and meditate. Then he advises us to love ourselves first and then to show that same love to others.
- *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* (John 14:3) Jesus is saying that the Christ presence is always with us.

Just as Jesus became the Christ we too are here to demonstrate our Christ selves. To become the Christ was Jesus's job description. Oh, and by the way, it is your job description as well.

Affirmation: *The presence of God is expressing perfectly as me right now! I accept my job as the Christ!*