

RESEARCH PAPER

JESUS CHRIST:

WAS HE AN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, OR SIMPLY CHARISMATIC LEADER...

AS MEASURED AGAINST MAXWELL'S 21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP?

INTRODUCTION: So many believers would quickly say “YES!” to the title question. However, looking most closely, what do the words effective, efficient, and charismatic really mean in the context of the question, particularly when measured against a 21st century writer’s leadership standards.

THEME STATEMENTS: Jesus was, and some say He still is a leader. It seems he did things right in many respects, making Him efficient. However, much that He did got him in trouble and lost Him the support of followers. On the other hand, some would say the more important observation is that he was effective in doing the right things right. However, the “right things” are of opinion. Charismatic? Certainly he was gifted in so many respects, but as we have learned, the “gifted” often do not satisfy everyone, because talents and gifts only go so far, i.e., what do the followers need and/or want?

QUOTES:

1. He who serves shall lead.
2. He among you who is greatest, let him serve.
3. Leadership is like beauty, difficult to define, but you know it when you see it.
4. You train dogs, you lead people.
5. You manage things, you lead people.
6. I Am the I Am.
7. Follow me.
8. First, seek the Kingdom of Heaven, and all else will be added unto you.
9. Are you willing to be baptized and be sacrificed?
10. Go, the Holy Spirit will give you the words.
11. Etc.

THEME COMMENTARY: Leadership, like beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. Only TIME will write the final answer as to Leadership efficiency, effectiveness, ... and the combination thereof.

OUTLINE:

- I. Definition of Leadership
- II. The Second Person in the Godhead vs. developing Followers for a temporal end result.
- III. Maxwell’s 21 Laws and Jesus
- IV. The end result.