


the  Venues
Go Deep
The Jesus Way
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*What do you think about resolutions? Helpful.
Not so much.*

*If helpful, what resolutions are you making for
2016?*

The Roman god Janus has two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward. Janus was the “god of the door.” We close the door on some things and open the door to new things.

*On what will you close the door?
To what are you opening the door in 2016?*

Let’s open the door to “a new me” and “a new way” of living.

Let’s pursue the Jesus way.

1. There’s a lot in a name.

*How happy are you with your name? If you could
change it, what would it be?*

*If you had a name that fit your passions what
would it be?*

Read Acts 9:2; 19:8, 23; 22:4; 24:14,22.

What name was given to the followers of Jesus?

How do you imagine that name originated?

How would you describe “the way” of Jesus?

2. Jesus invites us to live his way.

Read Mark 1:15-17

What are the three action words in these verses?

- a. “Repent” *What images or concepts come to your mind with this word?*

“Repent” really just means to leave one direction and go another one – to leave one way and go another way.

What attitudes and behaviors do you think you need to leave?

- b. “Believe” is a relational word. It speaks of trust and connection.

What does it mean to connect with or trust the good news (the gospel)? See Luke 4:14-19

- c. “Follow” is a rabbinical concept that means to follow in the way of your Rabbi- to imitate him, to be like him, to talk like him, to do what he does in the way that he does it with the people with whom he does it.

Read Matthew 11:28-30

What did the original followers of Jesus learn about him?

What are you learning about him?

What behaviors and attitudes are you learning from Jesus?

What does the way of Jesus look like to you?