

JESUS FOR ME

Essential elements in Jesus that come over to me as a would-be disciple are:

Jesus's style of vulnerability, authenticity, openness, expectation, which he has as a Human Being.

Jesus's welcome to others, being alongside them, his "heart going out to them", his washing their feet, which characterise his work as Healer.

Jesus's insight, straightforwardness, rejection of dogma, refusal to go with easy answers, which he shows as Teacher.

Jesus's imagination, clarity, persistence and unreasonable expectation, which he has as Disciple Leader.

Jesus's identification of realities, option for the poor, being friend to publicans and sinners, exposing religion, challenging power, and thus being the Embodiment {King?} of the new Kingdom on earth.

Jesus as crafter of a new world, the new creation, the place where on earth divinity is, the Realm of God present on earth, for all of which Jesus is Prophet and Provocateur.

Jesus as sticker, alongside people, with preparedness to stay with them, in which he is Catalyst, Empowerer, Nurturer and Enabler.

That's what I get from him.

John Vincent.