



Was Jesus a leader when he ...

Instructions: In pairs or small groups consider the following questions:

Ate with prostitutes and tax collectors?

Forgave an adulterous woman?

Defied Jewish custom and cured on the Sabbath?

Blessed the little children?

Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey?

Was born in a manger?

Wept for the death of Lazarus?

Healed a Roman officer's servant?

Was baptised by John?

Washed his disciples' feet?

Broke bread with his friends?

Remained silent under the questions of Pilate?

Was mocked by the soldiers?

Was rejected at Nazareth?

Prayed alone in the garden?

Resisted temptation in the dessert?

Died the death of a common criminal?

*Jesus said, "... the greatest one among you must be like the youngest
and the leader must be like the servant.*

*Who is greater, the one who sits down to eat,
or the one who serves them?*

The one who sits down, of course.

But I am among you as one who serves."

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Guide to answers:

Ate with prostitutes and tax collectors?	Yes, because he gave example to those around him.
Forgave an adulterous woman?	Yes, because he accepted everyone for what and who they were.
Defied Jewish custom and cured on the Sabbath?	Yes, because he valued people more than social conventions.
Blessed the little children?	Yes, because he was caring to all.

Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey?	Yes, because he shared the poverty of his people.
Was born in a manger?	Yes, because he was humble.
Wept for the death of Lazarus?	Yes, because he expressed his emotions.
Healed a Roman officer's servant?	Yes, because he did not confine his gifts to a selected few.
Was baptised by John?	Yes, because he accepted leadership from others.
Washed his disciples feet?	Yes, because he served his people with love and humility.
Broke bread with his friends?	Yes, because he enjoyed the company of his friends.
Remained silent under the questions of Pilate?	Yes, because he stood up for the love of God and for us.
Was mocked by the soldiers?	Yes, because he endured unjust hardships for the sake of his beliefs.
Was rejected at Nazareth?	Yes, because he did not give up.
Prayed alone in the garden?	Yes, because he still loved his followers and understood their weaknesses.
Resisted temptation in the desert?	Yes because he accepted his human weakness and trusted in the power of God.
Died the death of a common criminal?	Yes, because he had a lot of love for everyone, not just those who follow him. His love is everlasting.