

## Talmid Shorts - Supplement

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**Talmid** תלמיד a Hebrew word that means “a true disciple who desires to be what the Rabbi Jesus is.”  
“Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.” **1 John 2:6 (NIV)**

**Mathētēs** μαθητής a Greek word for disciple.

# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

## Read Acts 11:19-26

**Acts 11:26 (NASB)**

<sup>26</sup>“And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and **the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**”

Christians (**Χριστιανός**) **Χριστιανός**, *Christianos* = *followers of Christ*

Luke then adds the historical footnote that **the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch**. The term means “of the party of Christ” and was used in derision. Peter encouraged those who suffered “as a Christian,” to “not feel ashamed, but **in that name** [to] glorify God” (**1 Peter 4:16**).

**1 Peter 4:16 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup>“But if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but **in that name** is to glorify God in this name.”

What was a term of derision, though, soon became a badge of honor to the early church. The historian Eusebius relates the account of the martyr Sanctus, who replied to all his torturers’ questions simply, “I am a Christian” (*Ecclesiastical History* V, I [Grand Rapids: Baker, 1973], 172).