

Successful or Faithful?

His Life on Earth:

He never wrote a book – *not a successful author*
He had family members that didn't like him – *not successful in loving relationships*
He was never married and became a father with children – *not a successful parent*
He never went to college or seminary – *not a successful graduate*
He wasn't rich or bought a home – *not a successful entrepreneur*
He never held a political office – *not a successful politician*
He never hit a homerun or threw a touchdown professionally – *not a successful athlete*
He never wrote a song – *not a successful singer or musician*
His teachings were not understood by most – *not a successful educator nor preacher*
His few followers forsook him in the end – *not a successful leader*
One follower denied he knew him – *not successful in friendship*
One follower double-crossed him and stole money – *not a successful manager*
That follower also committed suicide – *not a successful counselor or psychologist*
He called religious hypocrites snakes and toms – *not successful in sensitivity training*
He spoke on negative subjects like sin and hell – *not a successful positive thinker*
He believed in creation as he read it in Genesis – *not a successful scientist*
He believed in male and female
He believed in marriage between a man and a woman
He was against the consensus on divorce and remarriage – *not a successful populist*
He was hated by the religious establishment – *not successful in cultural adaptation*
He was accused of perverting a nation – *not successful in having a good reputation*
He was arrested and held in prison – *not a successful record resume*
He was pronounced innocent but judged anyway – *not successful in court*
And even God did not deliver him from unjustness and suffering – *not successful results*
He was crucified
After death his followers were about 120 (including family) – *not successful in numbers*

But the Lord Jesus was Faithful:

To His Father's Word	–	John 12:48-50, 17:14-17
To His Father's Will	–	John 5:30, Luke 22:42
To His Father's Ways	–	John 8:29
To His Father's Works	–	John 5:36, 17:4
To His Father's Walk	–	John 8:12, Mark 7:5-16
To His Father's Worship	–	John 4:23-24, Matt. 4:10
To His Father's World	–	John 1:29, 8:26

“Christ Jesus; Who was **faithful** to him that appointed him,” Heb. 3:1-2. “Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful** witness,” Rev. 1:5. “This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted...,” Acts 2:32,33.

May we also long to hear those words, “**Well done thou good and faithful servant.**”