

## How did Jesus relate to men?

He offered them a job

Invited them to 'follow me' - men often follow men

Gave them nicknames - the Rock, Sons of Thunder

Bestowed responsibility - sent them out – took a risk on them

Took them travelling

Went home and ate with them

Allowed them to break Sabbath laws

Made use of their working skills - sailing and fishing

Commissioned them with tasks and power

Told stories about workers

Told them they were part of something - gave them the secrets of the kingdom

Used men as key characters in his parables

Showed his power in the context of their lives - fishing and storms

Used their boats to travel

Taught by example

Sent them off with short sharp instructions. Made it risky and challenging, survivalist, told them to take minimum luggage (great news if you've had to pack a car for a family holiday)

Gave them chance to debrief - listened to their stories

Took them off for some Rest and Recuperation

Involved them practically - made them do stuff – like feeding thousands of people

Sent them off on a difficult journey at night

Made himself vulnerable

Now this isn't a traditional take on Mark's biography of Jesus, but there is no doubt that these things were a vital part of the way Jesus chose to connect with some of the guys around him. And if anyone understands the way men are wired up, then it has to be Jesus. He did the wiring in the first place.