

FOLLOWING

JESUS

“Follow Me”

Luke 5:1-11

## Those who did follow

**Luke 5:1-11** Peter, Andrew, James, John

8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" ...

<sup>10</sup>And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup>So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

**Mark 2:13-14** Matthew (Levi) tax collector

Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. <sup>14</sup> As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

## John 1:43-46 Philip

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.<sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”<sup>46</sup> And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

# Some who didn't follow

## Mark 10:17-22 Rich young ruler

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments..

"Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."<sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Luke 9:57-62** some wanted to follow Him

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.”

<sup>59</sup> Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 9:57-62** some wanted to follow Him

<sup>61</sup> And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house.”

<sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

# Jesus calls each of us

## Matthew 16:24-26

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

## How can we be followers Jesus can use?

- Humility
- Willing to sacrifice
- Love for telling others



## What makes the difference?

**John 10:27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**Matthew 16:24-25** “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

## What makes the difference?

**John 1:47-49** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”<sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

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