

Follow Me

“Follow Me”

- Mt.8:22, superior to family
- Mt.9:9, superior to work
- Mt.16:24, superior to self / world
- Mt.19:21, superior to possessions

I. Why Do So Many Refuse To Follow Jesus?

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a. Choked, like plants choked by thorns; deprived of nourishment.

b. Mt.8 / Mk.4 – choke word.

c. Lk.8:14 – choke victims.

• Lk.8:42, of Jesus

Worldly cares take over the life,
prevent spiritual growth. Lk.18:23

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 - a. Deny: to refuse, as Moses, Hb.11:24
 - b. To act in selfless manner (opposite of selfishness).

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3. Discouraged by opposition. Lk.9:23-26
 - a. Cross: horrifying death
 - b. Lose life; ashamed, disheartened
Includes fear of suffering / dying,
Hb.12:2.

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 - a. Not wrong to bury parents
 - b. Jesus knew his heart
 - c. Jesus' claims are superior to parents
 - d. 'Innocent' things can destroy us

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5. Disoriented by conflicting voices.
Lk.9:35

And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep **follow** him, for they know his voice . . . My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they **follow** Me – Jn.10:4, 27.

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II. To Follow Jesus We Must
Know The Way He Went

1. Baptism: Lk.3:3...7

- 15-17: John's mission . . . (v.21-22)
- Mk.1:9, from Nazareth
- Mt.3:14-15, John hesitated; his baptism did NOT fit Jesus
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- “But if Jesus had no sins, how can we follow His example?”
 - Denominations baptize because “sins are already forgiven”
 - We follow His example because:
 1. He was baptized for our sins.
 2. He obeyed His Father. Hb.5:8-9

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2. Temptation: Lk.4:1-11

- Satan does not object to our baptism . . . as long as we remain in old sins.
- Satan's temptations are designed to keep us lost.

1-4: as in Paradise, used food. TRUST

5-8: village carpenter; crown without cross (Mt.16:23). MISTRUST

9-12: can God really save? FALSE TRUST

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- Antidote to satan's temptations
- Four facts –
 1. **Synagogue**: assembled with others
 2. **Sabbath**: weekly
 3. **Scripture**: reading, applying. Ne.8
 4. **Steady**: habitual conduct. Hb.10

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“But I don’t get anything out of it”

1. Jesus knew everything

2. If you know much, teach

“The worst speak something good:
should all want sense, God takes the
text, and preacheth p-a-t-i-e-n-c-e”

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1. His own obedience

2. His defense against temptation

3. His worship

4. His teaching the lost (Lk.5)

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- Multitude, Lk.5:1-3 (ct. 15:1-2)

- Few, Lk.5:4-11

- One, Lk.19

Must, v.5

Salvation, v.9

Save, v.10

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**III. Key To Following Jesus:
Total Commitment**

- Lk.10:27, 'all'
- Rv.3:19

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
Therefore **be zealous** and repent.

- To be deeply committed to something, with the implication of accompanying desire - to be earnest, set one's heart on - L-N.
- Gn.39:8