

Follow Me



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¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying,
“I am the light of the world. He who follows
Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the
light of life.”

“Follow Me”:
An invitation or an instruction/command?

Rabbi-Talmid (teacher-student) educational system:

At 5 year the child is fit for scripture.

At 13 years the fulfilling of the commandments.

Girls would help mother at home and boys would learn trade from father.

At 15 years the Talmud.

At 30 years for authority (able to teach others)

Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



Matthew 4: 19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” ²⁰ 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.” ²¹ Then another of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ²² But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

Matthew 8: 19-22 (NKJV)

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

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.

Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect,
go, sell what you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; and
come, follow Me.”

¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

²⁰ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” ²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” ²² Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

John 21: 20-22 (NKJV)

Is your situation like:

- The fishermen: dramatic change
 - Follower who waits for something to happen.
 - Tax collector: Out of his comfort zone;
 - Disciple: Deny his own will, do the will of God.
- Take up the cross: receive and bear affliction.
- Rich young man: Hand in your security.
 - Peter: What happened in the past is over.
 - Peter & John: Do not look at others.

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It is an invitation and an instruction/command.

Jesus' invitation is a two-word command:
"Follow me."

"Follow me."

- Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand.
- Healing.
- Casting out demons.
- Raising the dead.
- Making disciples

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