

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **All Christians* Do This**

John 1:35-43 (ESV)

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "**Follow me.**"

The **Gospel** call is a call to ...

*Have I made something that is imminently _____
and thoroughly _____ into something that is ...*

The **foundation** of faith:

John 1:12 (ESV)

¹² ... **to all who did receive him**, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ...

What does it mean to "receive Jesus"?

A **fundamental** question:

John 1:38 (ESV)

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A **picture** of true Christianity emerges ...

Infectious _____

Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:17

“Follow me, and **I will make you fishers of men.**”

Eager _____

Matthew 7:21

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.

Extreme _____

Mark 8:34-35 (Matthew 16:24-26, Luke 9:23-25 ... See also: Luke 9:57-62)

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me.

³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

Proud _____

Mark 8:38 (Luke 9:26)

For whoever is **ashamed of me** and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Radical _____

Mark 10:28-30 (See also Mark 1:18-20, Luke 5:27-28)

Peter began to say to him, “See, **we have left everything** and followed you.”

Holy _____

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me **will not walk in darkness**, but will have the light of life.”

Growing _____

John 10:4-5 (See also John 10:27, Matthew 7:22-23)

⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for **they know his voice**. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Conclusion: Am I **following*** Jesus?