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Scripture: Mark 1:16-22



Jesus' call has...

- A power that transforms.
- He calls us to repent and follow a better way.
- He calls us to obey by assigning purpose to our lives.

Because Jesus' call _____, you must follow Him.

Mark 1:16–18 ESV

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:19–20 ESV

And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Mark 2:13–14 ESV

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

Mark 3:13 ESV

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

Because Jesus' call commands faith, you must follow Him.

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1. Because Jesus’ call _____, you must follow Him.

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Jesus’ call holds authority.

Jesus’ call to His disciples promises a transformation.

Jesus’ call won’t transform what you do until He transforms who you are.

Has Jesus’ call transformed you?

Mark 2:13–17 ESV

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

2. Because Jesus’ call _____ a _____, you must follow Him.

Jesus came onto the scene to provide Levi a better way...a way of love, hope, peace, and freedom.

Ephesians 2:1–3 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4–9 ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Mark 3:13–15 ESV

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

Jesus' call transforms you. It transforms your identity.

Jesus' call provides a better way. A better path & trajectory of life.

3. Because Jesus' call _____ , you must follow Him.

Jesus' call assigns you purpose. Therefore, you must follow Him. You must go the way of Christ.

John 10:27 ESV

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.