



“Come and Follow”

Matthew 19:13–26

The Authority of the King

Introduction: Following Jesus has to be our highest priority.

Matthew 19:13 – “Then some children were brought to him so that He might lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.”

1.) Follow Jesus, don’t get ahead of Jesus.

Matthew 19:14 – “But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

Matthew 18:3 – “and he said, ‘Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’”

Matthew 19:15 – “After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.”

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

Matthew 19:16 – “And someone came to Him and said, ‘Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?’”

Ephesians 2:8–9 – “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.”

Matthew 19:17 – “And He said to him, ‘Why are you asking me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.’”

2.) We follow Jesus because of who He is.

Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”

Matthew 19:18–19 – “Then he said to him, ‘Which ones?’ And Jesus said, ‘You shall not commit murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

James 2:10 – “For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.”

3.) We need to follow Jesus with our heart, not just our actions.

Matthew 19:21 – “Jesus said to him, ‘If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’”

Mark 10:21 – “And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’”

Matthew 19:22 – “But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.”

4.) Nothing should come between us and following Jesus.

Matthew 19:23–24 – “And Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Truly, I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’”

Matthew 19:25 – “When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, ‘Then who can be saved?’”

Matthew 19:26 – “And looking at them Jesus said to them, ‘With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

Impossible: Greek-*adynatos*: incapable, powerless, impossible, not possible.

5.) Follow Jesus because He’s the only way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
2. Is it easy or difficult for you to follow someone else’s lead?
3. What are some of the most important things in your life?
 - a. How can you pursue these things while following Jesus?
4. If someone asked you why you follow Jesus, what would you say?
5. If someone watched your life closely, what would they see was important to you?