

Taking Jesus Seriously – Part 11: (John 21)

Subtitle: Follow Me

***Taking Jesus Seriously* : challenges us to recognize His claims, teachings, and authority as central to life—to consider Jesus as the risen Son of God, the way to salvation, and the source of a transformed life.**

If I had to say it in one phrase:

To take seriously what the Word of God says about who Jesus is.

Sometimes the problem isn't the *who*.

Sometimes the problem is the *how*:

How do we hold on to something greater?

Matthew 26:31

'Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

Being a disciple doesn't just mean talking like Jesus, but embodying what Jesus said and did.

We don't always learn things only from what is said, but also from what we witness.

A *fan* of Jesus, someone who passively admires His message and enjoys the benefits from a distance.

A *follower* of Jesus actively engages with His teachings, commits to obeying His commands, and dedicates their life to Him.

Luke 11:28 : *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.*

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John 13:17:

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

We need Jesus by our side.

And by that, I mean taking His teachings, His way of doing things, and learning from His devotion seriously.

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commands.

Luke 18:8 — *When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?*