The One Question Pop Quiz Jesus for Everyone Message Series Week 9 Luke 9:1-36 Pastor Jeff Burkholder November 14, 2021

Three reasons to follow Jesus:

1. Because He is God. (Luke 9:20, 35)

"The question 'Who is Jesus?' has to be settled by every individual person–young or old, rich or poor, male or female, ruler or citizen. We cannot avoid, duck, or put off the question. The Lord of lords asks us all. Heaven has a one-question pop quiz for all of humanity: 'Who do you say Jesus is?'" Thabiti Anyabwile, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Luke*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2018, p. 157.

2. Because He died for us. (Luke 9:22; Colossians 1:21-22)

"Jesus goes to a cross, so we who follow him must go to a cross too. He dies *for* us, and we die *with* him. The cross of suffering and death comes first in the Christian life. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer once put it, 'When Christ bids a man to follow him, he bids that man to come and die' (*Cost*, 89). That's the requirement."

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3. Because our eternal <u>destiny</u> depends on it. (Luke 9:24-26)

"For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." -Jesus Questions to ponder:

What's keeping me from choosing to follow Jesus?

What's hindering me in following Jesus?

Am I ready to follow Jesus?