If Any Man Will be My Disciple

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INTRODUCTION

- Let's open today by reading the words of Luke 9, verses 18 through 27.
- If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

1 Who Do You Say That I Am?

Luke 9:18–22; Matthew 16:16–23; Daniel 7:13–14

- And this is a question that each of us is forced to answer in our lives. Who do we say that Jesus is?
- He is the Christ. He is the Son of Man.
- This prohibition is not permanent, it is temporary.
- Peter did not recognize that being the Christ meant that he was going to be rejected, that he was going to be crucified.
- Jesus is going to be a conquering king, but he is also going to be a suffering servant.
- He is the one who must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed and raised on the third day.

2 What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

Luke 9:23; Luke 14:25–33; 2 Corinthians 5:14–15

- They did not understand that the Messiah was going to be a suffering servant. And therefore they did not understand what following Jesus meant.
- Greatness did not consist in sitting on a pedestal and being praised and being honored. It meant lowly service. It meant self-sacrifice.
- It is not what we want, it is what he wants. It is not our will, but his will be done.
- We follow him wherever he leads in good times and in bad.
- So then none of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.
- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

3 The Blessings of Following Him

Luke 9:24; Luke 9:26; Luke 12:8–9

- But whoever loses his life for my sake is the one who will save it.
- Is it saying that when you lose your life for me in this sake, you find out what real life is?
- Everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will confess him before the angels of God.
- The blessings of following Jesus, we find real life, and he will confess us before the Father.

4 The Dangers of Not Following Him

Luke 9:25

- But on the other hand, the text warns us about the dangers of not following him.
- If a man was the richest of men, if he was the most powerful of men, if he was praised and adored by people, … What profit is it?
- What does it profit a man if he gained the whole world and lose his soul?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you want to be his disciple? Do you want to be his follower? We hope that you do.**

MY NOTES