

Jesus Calls Followers

Matthew 4; Mark 1, 2, 3; Luke 6



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Mark 1:17

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Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. Simon Peter and Andrew were fishermen. These brothers were throwing a net into the lake.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said. At once, they left their nets and followed him.

Two other brothers were in the boat. Jesus called to James and John, "Come, follow me." They also left their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus met Levi. He collected money for taxes. He was sitting in his booth. "Come, follow me," Jesus said. Levi got up, left his money, and followed Jesus.

Jesus went up to a mountain. He spent the whole night praying. The next day, he called 12 men to follow him. They were called his disciples. They were Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Simon, Bartholomew, Matthew (Levi), Thomas, James, Thaddeus, and Judas.

His disciples followed Jesus from town to town. He sent them out two by two. They healed many. They sent evil spirits out of people. They said, "Turn from your sins." The disciples returned full of joy.

They followed Jesus until he died. Then, they took his message of love around the world.

Questions

1. How did Jesus get his 12 disciples?
2. What does a disciple do?
3. Jesus still invites us, "Come, follow me." Have you become a disciple of Jesus?
4. The disciples left everything to follow Jesus. What might you have to leave to follow Jesus?

Pray this prayer:

Dear Jesus,
I have decided to follow you.
Thank you for calling me to be
a disciple. Please help me to
turn from my sins, love others,
share your message, and
follow you.

Amen

Write your name and date on the feet.
Write on the globe where God might call
You to follow him.

