

"Revealed-Magnetic"

Matthew 1:14-20

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Key verse: Mark 1:17

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Main point: The call of Jesus is to "repent, believe and follow."

Gospel: Jesus has created a new kingdom where those who repent are forgiven and given great responsibility.

Notes:

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"Follow me." With those words, Jesus begins something new in the lives of those who heed the call. The call to follow is a call to know and to be obedient. In this regard, it is the purpose of the people of God.

In the Old Testament, God called his people to follow his commands, decrees and promptings. Consider these passages:

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2 – What does God say about the completeness of his law?
- Deuteronomy 18:4 – What is the basis of this following?

The benefits of following the Lord are clearly displayed in the lives of the faithful. Consider the difference between Caleb and the other men who were sent to scout out the "Promised Land." Caleb did not participate in the lies. Read what happens next in Numbers 14:20-24. What is the lesson here?

Joshua was also faithful to the Lord. Near the end of his life, he passionately renewed the covenant between Israel and God. Read Joshua 24:13-25. What do you notice? Why is the language so precise? (Also, will God not forgive if they break the covenant? Of course, but this is the language of the promise that they are making.) What does this say to all who would follow?

You might say that the biggest contrast between the following of the Old Testament and of the New Testament is that in the OT God's people followed decrees while in the NT we follow a person – Jesus! How is following a person easier? How is it more challenging?

One last thing on this topic. As followers of Jesus, we now become leaders! Is that daunting? Consider what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. How can we ensure that we are leading correctly? How is this freeing?