

The Trouble with Jesus

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Mark 1:16-20, "Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him."

Doesn't the Lord ask a lot of those who follow Him? Wouldn't a lot more people come and walk with God if He didn't demand so much? Look at the apostles for instance when Jesus came into their lives. Peter and Andrew was going about their work day, doing their normal chores when Jesus walked by them. He told them to follow him. Just like that they were expected to drop what they were doing, leave their boat, nets, and their means of making a living and follow the Lord. Then James and John were given the same call

to walk away from their jobs and walk with Jesus. They did exactly that, leaving not only their fishing, but families as well.

As the scripture says James and John left their father and we know that Peter was married. These people had jobs, families, and a life to live just like everyone else. They didn't follow the Lord because they didn't have anything else to do. They followed Him because they had faith in Him. It was the same with the others who came to know and walk with Jesus. Matthew was a publican, a tax collector for the Romans, but he left this position and followed the Lord.

So we can see that the Lord Jesus takes it seriously that a person should seek first the kingdom of God, putting Him first in our lives. He asked the rich man to sell all that he had and give it to the poor and come and follow Him. That was asking a lot, wasn't it? He didn't tell anybody else to do that, but He does tell us that we are to trust in Him and not in ourselves, or in our wealth. Jesus has to be first in our lives if we are to be saved and to walk with Him.

Then he asks, no, he demands, that we live not for and by ourselves but for him. We are not to do whatever we want, but to do each day what he would have

us to do. In our conduct both at home and in public we are to live in such a way that honors God. That means that we are to be led by his Spirit and to be Holy in the way that we think, speak, and act in life.

The natural man will usually seek revenge against someone who has done him wrong. The Christian is to turn the other cheek and to pray for the offender. This goes against the will of the flesh, but it is according to the will of God. While a person may think that this is asking too much, remember that Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him. Then Stephen prayed for those who stoned Him so we see that it can and should be done by all who really believe in and follow Jesus.

There are many things that are pleasurable to the flesh, but Jesus tells us to avoid that which is sinful. No one can follow Jesus and do the will of God while seeking the pleasures of the flesh. We know that the flesh is strong and demands to be catered too. However these desires are temporary and work against the spirit. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would," **Galatians 5:17.** Yes, the Lord asks a lot, but he gives his children so much more.

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SAMUEL AND SAUL
SAUL, ANOINTED BY SAMUEL, HAS BEEN TOLD THE MANY THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN ON HIS JOURNEY HOME - AND THEY DO, EVEN TO HIS MEETING WITH A COMPANY OF PROPHETS, NOW...

...AS THE PROPHETS EMERGE FROM THE CITY...

BEHOLD, IS THIS NOT JUST AS SAMUEL DID FORTELL IT?!

...AS SAUL SEES THE PROPHETS, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD DESCENDS UPON THE FUTURE KING OF ISRAEL...

...AND HE RUSHES TO JOIN THE PROPHETS...

...AND PROPHECIES ALONG WITH THEM IN THEIR MIST! THOSE WHO KNOW HIM EXCLAIM: "IS SAUL ALSO AMONG THE PROPHETS?!" AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, WHENEVER AN ISRAELITE WISHES TO SHOW COMPLETE AMAZEMENT, HE WILL USE THIS PHRASE TO DENOTE HIS ASTONISHMENT!

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