

## His Disciples Followed Him

### **Matthew 8:18-27**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus came down from the mountain.**
  - 1. He healed the leper.
  - 2. He healed the centurion's servant.
  - 3. He healed Peter's mother-in-law.
  - 4. He healed all that were sick.
  - 5. All of these fulfilled prophecy.
  
- B. **Jesus decided to cross the Sea of Tiberias. V.18**
  - 1. commandment = κελευω = "to urge or to drive on", "to order something to be done."
  - 2. depart = απερχομαι = "to set off for..."
  
- C. **The scribes devotion.**
  - 1. "And a teacher of the law came up to him, and said..." - TCNT v.19
  - 2. "...I will follow you where-ever you are going."

#### I. The Disciple And One's Home Life.

- A. **"And Jesus saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests..." v.20**
  - 1. "The foxes have dens..."
  - 2. "The wild birds have roosts..." Wms
  
- B. **"...but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."**
  - 1. "...owns no place to lay His head" - Ber
  - 2. "...has nowhere that he can call his own" - Phi
  
- C. **This was literally true of Jesus.**
  - 1. He never had a family.
  - 2. He never had a home of his own.

#### II. The Disciple And Death In One's Family.

- A. **"And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." V.21**
  - 1. suffer = επιτρεπω = "to direct upon", "to entrust to anyone," "give up", "yield."
  - 2. "allow me to go home and bury my father..."



3. This was not a request to go home to his father and care for him until he died. His father was dead. He must be buried. Don't try to make Jesus look good!

**B. "But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury the dead." V.22**

1. follow = ακολουθεω = "to be a follower" (used esp. of soldiers, servants, and pupils)
2. The expression, "dead" means to be removed from the influence of a particular thing. Such as "dead" to the law. Here Jesus means let those who are "dead" to Me bury those who are literally dead.
3. We should never try to defend the love or compassion of Jesus. This man must stay in the body presence of Jesus. He must hear every word He says, to see everything He did. In this way only they could know all the things He said and did.
4. We are not required to do this. Indeed we cannot do this. Jesus in God's presence. We are on earth.
5. There is a principle. Doing God's work should be done and never neglected to do even the most emotional tasks. We can bury our dead. We can also learn of Him by studying the word of God. Do not use family for an excuse.

**III. The Disciple Can Follow Jesus Without Fear If He Has Faith.**

**A. Jesus entered into a ship.**

1. His disciples followed Him.
2. There arose a great tempest.
3. The ship was covered with waves.
4. Jesus kept on sleeping.

**B. The disciples were terrified. Vs.24,25**

1. They came to Him and awakened Him.
2. They feared they would perish.
3. "carest thou not that we perish"? Mark 4:38

**C. The response of Jesus. v.26**

1. fearful = δειλος = "cowardly," "timid," "the inward sensation of fear."

2. faith little = ολιγοπιστος = A word used only by Jesus. It describes different states of mind, each a result of "little" faith.
3. rebuked = επιτιμαω = "to admonish strongly"
4. calm = "stillness of the sea" "gentleness"

D. **The disciples response. V.27**

1. marveled = θαυμαζω = "to look on with wonder and amazement."
2. "what kind of man is this" - TCNT
3. Why, the very winds and waves obey Him! - Wey

E. **Jesus bids us do His will.**

1. We can know it.
2. We can do it.
3. He will not ask to go beyond His help.