

“Follow...Don’t Walk Away”

Matthew 19:16-30

Introduction: A young man who seemingly had everything going for him came to Jesus one day and asked him a very important question. He said, “Good teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” Jesus invited this young man to follow Him, but the young man walked away sorrowful. Jesus also calls us to follow Him today, but we have a choice as well. Are you following Jesus? Are you genuinely a Christian? Have you been saved? I believe that the task the Lord has given me today is to clearly spell out what it means to personally trust and follow Jesus and invite you to begin a relationship with Him. So, in order to you become a Christian, what do you need to know/believe/do?

1. Realize that salvation is the miraculous work of God and not the result of any of our human works (v. 26, John 3:1-16, Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 3:20-4:5).

2. Believe that Jesus is the God-man instead of just another man (v. 16-17; John 1:1, 14; John 20: 24-29).

3. Admit that Jesus is perfect and we are sinful so we need Him to be our Savior (v. 16-20, Luke 18:31-33, 1 Peter 3:18).

4. Repent of sin and follow Jesus, who is Lord (v. 20-21, Acts 3:19, Romans 10:9).

Conclusion: Will you admit your sinfulness and acknowledge your inability to save yourself? Do you believe that Jesus is God? Do you believe He is righteous and He died for your unrighteousness and then rose to give you new life? Will you trust Him? Will you repent of sin and follow Him?