

HI, I'M JESUS

Matthew 4:19

Jesus' first words to His disciples are remarkably simple: "Follow me." Before they understand everything about Him, before they know where the journey will lead, Jesus invites His followers into a relationship.

Day 1: Read Matthew 4:18–22.

Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John are simply going about their ordinary work when Jesus walks into their lives and says, "Follow me."

Where might Jesus be inviting you to follow Him more closely right now?

Day 2: Read John 1:35–42.

When two curious disciples begin following Jesus, He welcomes their curiosity and asks them, "What are you looking for?"

If Jesus asked you, "What are you looking for?" what would your answer be today?

Day 3: Read Luke 5:1–11.

The miraculous catch of fish gets Peter's attention, but Jesus sees even more ahead for this relationship.

What might Jesus see in you that you have difficulty seeing in yourself?

Day 4: Read Matthew 9:9–13.

When Jesus calls Matthew, He finds himself at a table with people others avoid.

Who might Jesus be inviting you to notice, welcome, or know better?

Day 5: Read Mark 10:17–22.

Not everyone who meets Jesus decides to follow.

Is there anything you need to loosen your grip on in order to follow Jesus more freely?

Day 6: Read John 21:15–19.

Years after Jesus first told Peter, "Follow me," Jesus says those words to him again.

Where do you need to hear Jesus say again, "Follow me"?

Throughout the Gospels, people meet Jesus in ordinary places and discover that an encounter with Him can change the direction of a life. We are invited to meet Jesus and listen for His invitation to follow.

Jesus says, "Follow me," and whatever our successes and failure, repeats the invitation again and again.