

Series "Behold Your King"
"Counting The Cost"
Matthew 8:18-22
Part-47

Luke 9:23-25

Psalm 23:3

Matthew 8-10 "The Authority of The King"

"The Authority of the King over His Disciples" Jesus sets the standards for His disciples.

Outline:

1. Verse – 18 Disciple Verses The Crowd:
2. Verses – 19-20 Disciple Must Sacrifice:
3. Verses – 21-22 Disciple Doesn't Hesitate:

1. Verse – 18 Disciple Verses The Crowd:

Why would Jesus Depart from the Crowd?

1. Jesus mission was to seek and save the lost!
2. Jesus saw something in the crowd that was not right!

Differences within the Crowd:

1. The crowd loved Jesus and sought Him for the help He could bring to their troubled lives:

Genesis 32

2. The crowd enjoyed listening to the teaching of Jesus:
3. The crowd wanted a Savior to rescue them from all of their problems:

4. The crowd received what they needed from Jesus and then went on with their lives:

Luke 17:11-19

Disciple – “A follower of the teacher and His teachings”

How does one become a disciple of Jesus? He gave orders to depart to the other side.

Verses – 19-20 A Scribe asks Jesus for permission to follow Him.

Verses – 21-22 Person is asked by Jesus to follow Him.

2. Verses – 19-20 Disciple Must Sacrifice:

And a certain scribe often called “Lawyers” They were so familiar with the scriptures that they became known as “The experts of the law.”

"Teacher, one who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man, He comes acknowledging Jesus as the teacher.

John 13:13

Matthew 8:20

but the Son of Man

Daniel 7:13-14

1 Peter 2:11-12

Mark 10:29-30

3. Verses – 21-22 Disciple Doesn't Hesitate:

said to Him, "Lord, "to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord the possessor and disposer of a thing"

Matthew 8:22

The Fifth Commandment: Exodus 20:12

Matthew 15:5-6

"bury my father" simply meant "staying at home and fulfilling his family responsibilities until his father died and he received his share of the inheritance."

Discipleship Places Jesus before All Relationships:

But Jesus said to him, "follow me" is in the present imperative. Jesus is literally saying: "Today, this hour, I want you to follow me and become my disciple."

Matthew 10:34-37

Luke 14:25-27

Application:

1. Have I made the break from the crowd? Have I crossed over with Jesus?
2. Have I counted the cost in acceptance of the hardships that come with being a disciple of Jesus?
3. Do I sense the urgency in getting the message out? The dead can bury the dead but the living must preach the gospel while they can.
4. Am I living in the present-tense, focusing on God's plan for me?